



Dear Year 2 Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 2, and hope that they will be very happy. This letter is to inform you about the topics your child will be covering in school this term. We are very lucky to have wonderful and experienced Learning Support staff with us this year: Mrs. Miles (Hedgehog Class), Mrs. Ibbotson (Hedgehog Class) and Miss Lucas (Squirrel Class).

This year we are embedding the New Curriculum into our everyday teaching and learning.

Numeracy

We will be continuing from Year 1 with daily Numeracy lessons. The children will be studying Numbers to 100, Place-value, Addition, Money, Subtraction, Length, 2D shapes, Number patterns, Ordering, Estimation and units of Time. We have attached the Numeracy targets to this letter.

Literacy

During Literacy the children will focus on developing their reading and literacy skills. The children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, and will have three Phonic sessions a week to continue to build their reading and comprehension skills.

The children have been issued with 4 books from their coloured reading boxes this week as well as a new Reading Diary. It is most important that you listen to them each night and sign their reading diary. We will take in the reading diaries once a week on a Tuesday to check the progress or any queries.

Both Year 2 classes will change their books on a Monday afternoon. Each child will choose 5 books and write the titles in themselves when they get back to the classroom.

Science

The Science topics for this term will be 'Changing Shape' and 'Uses of Materials'. During this time we will be giving the children the opportunity to carry out scientific investigations.

Design Technology

In Design Technology the children will be planning, designing, making and evaluating vehicles. So, could we ask that the children begin to collect cardboard boxes, such as cereal packets and tissue boxes, in order to make their vehicles just before October half-term.

ICT

During our allocated time in the computer suite the children will be using the computer for developing writing and word processing skills. They will also be learning about Internet Safety.

Topic – History

In History this term, we will be studying the life of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. We will also complete a short topic on Remembrance Day and the importance of poppies.

Art

In Art, the children will experience a range of techniques in painting and drawing.

Music and P.E

Music will be taught by Mrs. Houslander and P.E by Mr. Donnelly. The children will need their PE kits on Tuesdays. Can we remind you that the children cannot wear **any** jewellery in these sessions according to Surrey guidelines, therefore earrings have to be taken out and we advise that parents do this before sending their child to school.

Religious Education

We follow the 'Come and See' programme, and will study the topics of Beginnings, Signs and Symbols and Preparations this term.

Homework

We will be sending a homework sheet home every Monday. Each week there will be homework about the following:

Reading – Please listen to your child read every night and ask them children questions about the text (Who, What, Where, Why, When, How questions).

Spellings - Each week the children will receive a list of spellings for them to learn for a test each Monday afternoon.

Numeracy – Each week a small Numeracy focus will be included on the Homework sheet. This will support their learning in class and will focus on the Mental Maths element of the subject e.g. number bonds to 20, 10x tables, etc.

Weekly Literacy or Numeracy homework - Each week there will be either a Literacy or Numeracy piece of homework to complete. This activity should be completed by your child as independently as possible. If you do need to assist, we would greatly appreciate it if you could annotate where support was given. These pieces of homework are designed as an opportunity to reinforce class work and for you to see what they are learning about.

All homework will be on sheets for the children to then file in their Homework Folder at school, once the homework has been marked.

SATS

Year 2 is a critical year for your child as they are preparing for their end of Key Stage Tests in May. In order for them to do their very best your ongoing support is essential. We do not tell the children that they are taking the SATS. We have 'quiz's' throughout the year which the children take part in. No pressure is put on the children, only that we expect them to try their best and reach their full potential whatever the level may be.

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to come and speak to us after school.

Allergies

Please can we also remind you how vitally important it is that the children do not bring any food containing nuts to school as we have children who have severe nut allergies.

Thank you again for your co-operation and on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Bisset

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