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### Class 2 Curriculum – Spring 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We trust you have had a lovely festive time and your child is refreshed and enthusiastic for the new term ahead. Mrs McGregor, Miss McCabe and I believe that the home/school partnership is essential to support your child and help them encouraging your child to have fun but also to aim high and strive to reach their end of year expectations wherever possible, especially in presentation. so please be in touch if you have any queries or concerns. A selection of objectives are at the end of this document, but all the expectations for the year group are available by the school entrance.

#### Every day routines:

There will be a before school activity for the children to do before the register at their tables to enable a prompt start to learning by 9am. Please ensure your child is in the class by 8.55am with their reading book, reading log and homework book when applicable.

#### Curriculum

**English:** This term we will be starting with diaries and recounts using the Great fire of London as a focus which ties in with our history curriculum.

**Year 2 Spellings:** Your child will be taught a range of spelling rules and will be expected to apply these to their independent writing. They will be tested on a Friday as part of writing dictated sentences, not just the word.

**Year 1 Phonics:** All children working towards the Year 1 Phonics Check will be learning all digraphs, please especially help your child to recognise vowel digraphs, for example, oa, ou, ow, aw, or, er, ur, ir, igh (trigraph) within words.

**Reading** remains vitally important and thank you to those of you who consistently support your child's reading at home, it really does support their learning. Reading is much more than reading words on a page; comprehension is vitally important, as well as being able to summarise and talk about aspects of the plot or characters as well as links to other stories or real life. Please hear your child read aloud often, and support them to record their reviews or opinions every day if possible. Encourage your child to record the books they have read and make a valuable comment about an aspect of the plot, or deduction of a character's viewpoint or reaction, or an opinion about a particular event. Reading books and Reading Logs should be taken home and brought back to school **every day**. – The Log is going to be used during Guided reading sessions so there may be more focussed tasks and prompts stuck in your child's Reading Journal related to what we are doing in group-work.

We are always looking for volunteers to listen to readers in the school day, so if you feel that you could spare an hour a week, please pop in and speak to one of us. Thank you to those of you that volunteer already.

On Friday mornings we are inviting you to come into the classroom from 8.45 – 8.55am to read with your child and other children in the class. You don't have to come every week, but we would welcome anyone who is able to join us.



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**Maths:** We will continue to develop the children's mathematical skills across the curriculum. We will be following Year 1 and 2 objectives (as appropriate) of the new Primary Framework for Maths 2014. This gives greater emphasis on strategies for problem solving and comprises of nine strands:

- Number and place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Number - fractions
- Ratio and proportion
- Algebra
- Geometry – properties of shapes
- Geometry – position and direction
- Measurement
- Statistics

[http://www.over.cambs.sch.uk/website/calculation\\_methods](http://www.over.cambs.sch.uk/website/calculation_methods)

Mental arithmetic and mental maths skills will be taught daily as part of our CLIC Big Maths.

**Foundation Topics:** In RE we will be learning about the Places of worship in Christianity using Cambridgeshire's updated syllabus. In Science we will be learning about materials which again links with our history topic of the Great Fire of London. For the Computing curriculum we will be focusing on keeping safe while using the internet. In Geography we will be looking at maps and using compass directions.

**PE:** PE will be with Mr Herd and Mr Pemberton on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has all they need for PE each week, especially if they do sports clubs in the week. We have a no tape policy for earrings. They need to be removed please.

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school including tracksuit bottoms, top and a change of footwear for PE as well as indoor shorts and T-shirt. Occasionally, due to weather or restrictions on use of the hall we have to change days so your child's PE kit needs to be in school at all times, especially if your child takes kit home following after school clubs.

**Homework:** There will be a topic homework menu to give the children a choice of activities related to the topic. Some may be talk homework, or research to find out. On Fridays your child will receive a Maths or English task to be completed (alternate weeks) to be given in on Wednesdays.

**School Uniform:** We are having a whole school focus on wearing correct uniform. If your child wears an item of non-school uniform they will be asked to remove it, and given a "school spare" item of uniform to be washed and returned. Please ensure your child has appropriate school uniform every day. Thank you for helping us in this, the children are looking smarter and taking pride in their work as a result.

As we live in a digital age, here are some useful websites for your child find out about our topics. Please monitor your child's activity on the internet and be vigilant to ensure your child uses their knowledge of e-safety to stay safe.

**Thinkuknow** website teaches more about internet safety.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/z7qd7ty>

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil\\_war\\_revolution/great\\_fire\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/great_fire_01.shtml)

<https://www.totallytimelines.com/the-great-fire-of-london-1666/>

More information can be found on our school website, and we hope to share work from our class there too. Thank you again for your support and we hope your child and you enjoy this term's learning and activities.

Yours sincerely,

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