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Curriculum Newsletter Year 2 - Autumn First Half Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a great start to the new academic year and wanted to take the opportunity to tell you about some of the topics Year 2 will be studying in the first half of the autumn term. We hope this information will be useful to you.

Useful tips:

We hand out homework on a Monday and the children are expected to hand this back in the following Monday. PE kits should come into school on a Monday and will go home with children on a Friday (if necessary). Reading records Homework diaries are checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to ensure children are keeping up with reading at home.

English:

This half term we will be reading the books *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Moth*. We ask that you do not read ahead so that the children can engage with the story together and are able to hone their prediction and inference skills. During our English lessons, we will be focusing on descriptive writing and letter writing.

We ask for your support in ensuring your children read aloud to a parent/carer **every night**, as this will greatly assist their reading and comprehension skills. Please ask your children questions about what they have read in order to test their understanding, for example asking 'Why do you think the main character made that decision?' or 'Can you predict what might happen next?' Please record any comments you have about your child's reading in their Reading Record.

Maths

This half term, Year 2 will be looking at place value, counting to 100, comparing numbers and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Children will see these in a variety of ways to aid understanding through the mastery approach. We ask for your support at home to encourage your child to practise their counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Science

We begin with the topic of Minibeasts in which the children will be able to explain whether things are living, dead and those that have never been alive. We will be visiting Painshill Park for a Minibeasts Safari and Pond dipping. This will enhance our study of different habitats.

Geography

We begin the term with a unit of work on Continents and Oceans. We will then be learning all about Francis Drake and his exploration of the world.

Computing

This half term we will be looking at e-safety and being safe on line.

RE

During RE our focus will be learning about why the bible is an important book for Christians. We will be reading several stories from the Old Testament.

PSHE

In PSHE, we start our first Jigsaw topic: 'Being me in my world'. Children will begin to understand the rights and responsibilities of being a member of their class and school.

Art and Design

In Art, we will be looking at creating different tones with a pencil and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours.

PE:

For PE we will be practising running, and ball skills such as throwing and catching. In gymnastics, we are focusing on balance and coordination skills.

Music:

We will be learning how to play un-tuned percussion instruments correctly and we will also practise our singing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to make an appointment to see us. We look forward to meeting you at the Parents' Meeting on the 26th.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Moore, Mrs Akeroyd and Mrs Bywater and Miss Roberts
Year 2 teachers