

# Year 2

## Curriculum Newsletter



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### KEY DATES

End of Term 1:  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Start of Term 2:  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Parent Conferences:  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## English & Grammar

This term, we will consolidate our Year 1 phonics and spelling knowledge, including Year 1 high frequency word practice. In spelling, we will focus on spelling rules for the /or/ sound spelt 'a' before 'll', soft c and the -y suffix. We will also revise Year 1 and 2 high frequency words. Our grammar focus will include proper nouns, common nouns, adjectives, noun phrases and simple past tense verbs. This will contribute to our writing focus for the term, a descriptive retelling of the story The Tunnel.

## Science & Geography

This term, Year Two will study 'Living Things' in science. We will look at the 7 life processes, the animal groups and what humans need to stay healthy.

Vocabulary: Living, non-living, healthy, respiration, growth, movement, excretion, senses, nutrition, mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, fish.

In geography, we will explore what geography means, continents and oceans. We will also look at deserts and forests, their climates and the animals and plants which can be found there.

Vocabulary: Earth, planet, continent, country, ocean, desert, forest, tropical, temperate, climate.

## Ancient History

Children in Year Two will study Ancient Rome this year. To begin our unit, this term, we will learn the myth of Romulus and Remus and how Romulus became the king of Rome.

Vocabulary: Romans, people, history, Rome, past, ancient, empire, rule, conquered, city, myth, Romulus, Remus, River Tiber.

## Maths

This term, we will learn how to identify, represent, compare and order numbers to 100 and also be working on addition and subtraction. We will spend time practising the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division facts.

Vocabulary: tens, ones, more, less, fewer, digit, value, partition, part-whole, add, subtract, place value, equal to, order, equation.

## Religious Education

Years 1 and 2 will follow the same curriculum this year. We will start by learning about Judaism, then; after half term, we will study Christianity, especially the Christmas story.

Vocabulary: Belief/ to believe, religion, God, holy, to worship.

## Music

Over the course of the term, the children will be developing their knowledge of how to read and to write music. They will learn to use confidently subject-specific vocabulary such as *stave*, *treble clef*, *bar line*, *bar*, *rest*, *minim*, *quaver* and *crotchet*; and they will relate these to the music they hear, read and perform. We will focus on Ravel's *Sonatine* in our listening this term, and will be singing songs of roughly ABRSM Grade 3 difficulty.

## PE

This term, we will be looking to build upon our teamwork and co-operation as well as advancing our balance and hand-eye co-ordination. We will also be looking to improve upon our decision making within physical activity.

PE days: Mondays and Thursdays – please come to school in your full P.E. kit.

## PSHE

In PSHE, children will learn the school rules, how we can work as a class to follow them and what the expected school routines are. We will discuss the importance of education and growth mind-set, by learning that intelligence is not fixed but perseverance and hard work are what matter most to help us achieve all that we can be. We will set goals, and discuss the 'little steps' that will support us. This term, children discuss the importance of kindness, respect and self-respect, and explore how they can show kindness in the school, local and global communities.

Vocabulary: rules, respect, special, qualities, kindness, ambition, growth mind-set, success.

## Reminders

### Homework

Maths – please ensure you are completing Mathletics every evening for 10 minutes. This is essential for your child's fluency.

Reading Diaries – These will be checked every morning, so please ensure you read for at least 15 minutes every evening and fill out your reading diary.

### Parent Workshops

Phonics – 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8:50 am

Supporting your child with English and Grammar homework – 12<sup>th</sup> October. Time TBC

### Enrichment

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Drama 4 All Workshop