



Year 2 Curriculum News

April 2017

English

This term we will be exploring senses poetry and non-fiction writing. We will be learning how to writing an information book about animals found in the Galapagos Islands. The children will learn how to take notes and how to use their notes to write sentences.

The children will continue to learn how to include spelling, punctuation and grammar in their writing. We will be focusing on skills such as:

- Compound (but, and) and complex (when, if, that, because) sentences
- Using suffixes e.g. ing, ed, less, ful, est, er
- Contractions e.g. can not—can't
- Expanded noun phrases e.g. merciful, magnificent dragon
- Using a range of punctuation e.g. capital letters, full stops, commas, apostrophes, exclamation marks, question marks and speech marks.

Maths

This term the children will be learning about sequences and patterns including numbers and shapes. The children will be learning how to explain their thinking and how to identify the rule in a pattern. We will also be learning about position and direction. The children will be using language including left, right, clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turn, half turn and three quarter turn. The children will also be learning how to estimate and measure in different contexts. They will be using scales and measuring vessels to record, compare an order lengths, mass and volume / capacity. Please encourage your children to explore scales at home.

Please continue to practice number bonds to 10 and 20, doubles and halves of numbers and the 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 X tables.

Phonics and Reading

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day and **read with your child every day at home**. They have a library and Guided Reading book. They will have a sheet of spellings to practise every week and a spelling test on Friday. Guided reading books are changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Red class change library books on Monday and Yellow class change library books on Tuesday.

PE Kit

P.E. is now on **Thursdays**.

Your child must bring a change of clothes for PE. PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. This can be kept in a bag on their peg. Please make sure items are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE will be outside as much as possible please bring a sweatshirt/sun hat as appropriate for the weather.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that your child is in school on time every day or they miss valuable learning.

The Register closes and lessons start promptly at 9:00am. Please make sure you collect your child promptly at 3:20pm.

Theme

Our theme this half term is 'It's a Wonderful World.'

In Geography the children will be comparing London to the Galapagos Islands. We will be comparing the human and physical features found in both places. The children will be using maps, aerial photos, the internet and books to research the Galapagos Islands. The children are encouraged to carry out research, make books, posters etc at home for our display.

Our Science topic is 'Young Gardeners.' The children will be learning about germination and investigating the best conditions needed to grow plants. They will be growing herbs from seeds and observing, measuring and recording the process.

In Music, we will be learning a variety of songs about animals. The children will identify and copy changes in the pitch of animal sounds using voices and body movements.

Art lessons will be focused on investigating Aboriginal Art. Using a variety of mediums and techniques, children will select and develop ideas into 3D work in response to symbolism and traditional tales.

In D.T. we will be designing and making puppets to put on our own 'David Attenborough' style Galapagos documentary.

PSHE will be exploring personal safety. The children will be talking about making safer choices and identifying adults they can trust.

In RE the children will be thinking about helping others and giving to the poor.

Trips and Visits

We will be visiting Railway Fields to observe the changes in the seasons and we will be visiting South Bank to observe and sketch famous London Landmarks.