



Year 2 Curriculum News

January 2018

English

This term we will have a continued focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling as we explore non-fiction and fiction writing. We will be writing a persuasive letter based on the True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We will also be exploring language choices in poetry, focusing on similes and metaphors. During our poetry lessons we will use drama and role play to develop our speaking and listening skills. The children will publish their work in a variety of formats. Children will continue to practise joining their handwriting.

Reading

Children must bring their book bags to school every day. Our library borrowing day is on a Tuesday. Please **read with your child every day at home**. Children change their levelled books twice a week. Children who do not return a book, will not be allowed to choose a new one. Please keep books in book bags. Your child will also bring home a book from our new school library.

PE Kit

Your child must bring a PE kit to school. This can be kept in a bag on their peg. Please make sure items are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

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. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school doors open at 8.50 and registration is at 8.55am. **Learning begins at 9.00am.**

Please make sure you collect your child promptly at **3.20pm**.

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

Maths

This term we will be learning about fractions, division through sharing and grouping, multiplication and statistics. We will continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Please practise addition and subtraction facts and number bonds to 20 at home. This will be our focus in mental maths activities.

You can help your child at home by cutting shapes and food items into halves, quarters and thirds. You could also help the children by creating tally charts of favourite books etc at home.

I.P.C

All living things have a home or somewhere to live that we call a 'habitat'. A habitat can be huge like the ocean or small like a leaf. A habitat could be a forest on the other side of the world or it could be a tree in our local area.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About the plants and animals living in forests
- About different types of trees
- About plants and animals that live in other
- How to sort living things into different groups
- How animals are adapted to their environment
- How living things depend on each other

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make a habitat

In International, we will be finding out

- About the loss of the world's forest habitats
- About Earth Day and how we can help our planet

Trips and Visits

On the 7th of Feb we will be visiting the London Aquarium as part of our I.P.C unit.