



# Year 2 Curriculum News

## November 2017

### English

This term we will be writing instructions, stories and poems. We will have a continued focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will use Talk for Writing and role play to develop speaking and listening skills. We are encouraging the children to re-read their work to check it makes sense and to edit and improve their own work. The writing skills we are using include; using openers (first, next etc), expanded noun phrases (lean, mean cat), using connectives (and, but, so, because) and a range of punctuation ( CL . ! ? “ ” )

We will be practising our handwriting every day. By the end of year 2, all children should be joining their handwriting so please encourage this at home. Guided Reading will focus on developing comprehension skills. Please read with your child every day.

### 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**. During Phonics, the children are learning about spelling, grammar and punctuation. They have spellings in their book bags which are introduced during the phonics lesson, to reinforce a spelling rule. Spelling tests are on Mondays (Red Class) and Fridays (Yellow) for

### PE Kit

**Your child must bring a PE kit to school.** This can be kept in a bag on their peg. **If you want to take it home, it should be back on your child's peg ready for the next week.** 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

It is very important that your child is in school on time every day or they miss valuable learning. Lessons begin at 9am.

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

### Maths

This term we will be focussing on place value, addition, subtraction, and money. We will be learning how to add money and subtract on a number line. The children will be developing their problem solving skills through word problems and puzzles. Please practise addition and subtraction facts, doubling and halving and number bonds to 20 at home. This will be our focus in mental maths activities. You can also practise counting with money at home.

### IPC

Our IPC unit is called 'Super Human Body'. The children will learn how bones, organs, nerves, senses and muscles connect together to make us human.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What the main external parts of the body are called
- What the five human senses are
- How we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch
- How the brain connects to other body parts
- How to eat healthily and get enough exercise
- How and why we use medicines
- Why body hygiene is important

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and prepare a healthy meal

In the International curriculum, we'll be finding out

### Trips and Visits

We will be visiting a church as part of our Religion unit.