



# Year 1 & 2 Curriculum News



## Welcome

It has been a lovely start to the new school year, with the majority of the children settling in really quickly and really well. We believe the partnership between parents, children and school is a high priority to us and we look forward to seeing you in the morning and at the end of the day. Please feel free to pop and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

## English

This term in English we will be focusing on fairy tales, poetry, instructional texts and non-fiction texts.

The children will continue to bring home a **reading book** to practise the skills they are learning in class, as well as their fluency, accuracy and expression. If you could write in the planner when your child has read at home, that would be great! They do need to bring their reading book **every day** as we have a session of independent reading each day.

The children will also bring home spellings and maths to practise - these will be stuck into their pupil planner. There will not be a formal spelling test, but during that week the children will be expected to apply the spelling pattern to their work. They will also be expected to apply the quick recall facts they have been learning.

## History

In History we will be thinking about changes in the children's lives since their birth, and learning about The Great Fire of London and the history of Hull Fair.



## R.E

This year our school focus religion is Islam and we will be learning about significant festivals and celebrations.

Our area of learning this term in RE is 'Belonging' when we will be thinking about what it means to belong to a faith.

We will also be covering the Christian festivals of Harvest and Christmas.

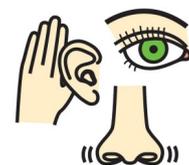
## Science

Miss Partridge and Mrs Relph will teach all the **Year 2s** science and they will be exploring the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, as well as identifying and naming a variety of animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.

We will be thinking about the habitats and how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and how animals have offspring which grow into adults.

Keeping ourselves active and healthy is always important and the children will be discussing the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Mrs Stillings and Miss Watson will teach Year 1 for science who will learn and explore their five senses. They will also learn all about animals and classify them into different groups.



## Music

In music this term we will be exploring and investigating sounds made with their voices, bodies and instruments as well as understanding the terminology of :dynamics (eg loud, quiet), tempo ( eg fast, slow), pitch (eg high, low), timbre (eg words describing the qualities of sounds, such as rattling, smooth, tinkling; words relating to sound production, such as hitting, shaking, scraping).



## Art and Design

The children have already been showing what wonderful artists they are by drawing and painting self portraits. Throughout the term we will be looking at portraits created in various media by various artists such as Paul Klee, Picasso and Andy Goldsworthy and trying to re-create some of these. We will be developing a wide range of art and design techniques; using colour, line, shape, form and space.



## Design and Technology

To link with Harvest, we will be tasting and evaluating various vegetable soups. We are also going to make our own soup and bread for our soup kitchen morning on 3rd October, which we hope Grandparents will be able to attend.



To link with our History we will be looking at Fair Ground rides and will be designing our own model of one. We hope mums and dads are going to join us to work alongside the children to make these (particularly welcome will be engineers and builders!!)

## P.E

A polite reminder that children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. They do require TRAINERS as part of their outdoor PE. Please bring kits to school on a Monday morning and leave in school for the week. If children have pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed on this day. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that the children will be warm enough in their outdoor clothes.



## I.C.T

We will be using a computer drawing package to create pop art portraits as well as learning and practising word processing skills.

## Outdoor Learning

The children will continue to have one lesson per week outdoors. This will support other areas of the curriculum and/or will be to gain new skills to encourage problem solving, working together, creativity and exploration. As it is an outdoor lesson we will go out unless there is a torrential downpour, so could you please ensure the children always have a waterproof in school please. If the children need additional clothing or equipment, we will let you know in advance.

## Home Learning

**Year 2** children will have their six home learning tasks to do. It is up to the children, and you, in which order you do the tasks, but we would hope that you encourage the children to complete one per week and return it to school by **Thursday**.

**Year 1** will start their home learning tasks this year. The children need to complete one every fortnight and return it to school on **Friday**. It is up to the children in the order they do their tasks. They will also be given weekly spellings and a quick maths task. These will be stuck into their planners every week and need completing by **Friday**. Please ensure they have their planner in school everyday.

If at any time you are anxious about anything at all, please do come and see us at the end of the day, or phone school to make an appointment.