



Year 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 essential 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 recounts, traditional stories and poetry on a theme. The children will continue to bring home reading books 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 to learn each week. The focus of these words throughout the year is the Year 2 common exception words. These are words they are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 2 in their independent writing. Spelling lists will be stuck into their planners each week. 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.

History

In History we will be looking at national events and the significance of Remembrance Day, as 2018 marks 100 years since the end of WW1.



Science

This term the focus of our Science is exploring materials, identifying and comparing the suitability of a range of everyday materials for particular uses and exploring which materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. The children will carry out simple investigations, making predictions and drawing conclusions.



R.E

This year the whole school will be learning about Judaism and significant festivals and celebrations of this religion. We are going to be finding out about Sukkot and making comparisons with our Harvest Festival. Later we will learn about Hanukah and Christmas.



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

P.E

P.E. will be on a Wednesday and Friday. This term the children will have Outdoor Games and Gymnastics. A polite reminder that children require both an indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school. They do require TRAINERS as part of their outdoor P.E. kit. Please could they bring their kits to school on a Monday morning and leave in them in school for the week. If children have pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed on this day or they will need to have them covered with tape. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that the children will be warm enough in their outdoor clothes.



I.C.T

The children will be using laptops to develop their keyboard knowledge and word processing skills.



Art and Design

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park, and have been using this in their work already. Throughout this half term we will be looking at the work of various artists such as Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth and developing a wide range of sculpture techniques using different media such as clay and recycled materials.



Maths

Each week the children will bring home some mental maths to practise with you. This will be stuck into their planners. It will include an example of the types of questions to ask and suggested activities to do. We want the children to be proficient mathematicians who are capable of recalling facts quickly and your support in this area will be gratefully received.