

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development



Our SMSC focus this term is 'Good to be Me' and 'Changes'. We will be discussing our likes and dislikes, our skills and celebrating the differences and similarities between us all. As spring continues into summer, our RE focus is "Awe and Wonder" about the beauty of the natural world around us. We will continue to develop our independent learning skills across the curriculum.



Ideas For Helping Your Child At Home

- Please continue to read with your child at home regularly. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their log book. Your child's reading target will also be stuck into the reading log so that they can practise it at home.
- Book bags are needed in school **every day**.
- Practising reading key words and spellings at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing development. Playing games, turning the words into flash cards, even saying them in the car or on the way to school will help.
- Talking to your child about their day at school is very useful and important. It helps the children remember important ideas and explain what they have learnt, and helps to embed it further in their mind.
- Children need to have their PE kit in school **every day**. We have specific PE sessions each week but kit may be used at other times.
- Maths games will be sent home on a **Friday** each week to play at home. Please return them to school on the following **Monday**.



Curriculum letter

Summer 2018
Year 2

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, detailed within this leaflet is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Year Two. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce this at home.



English

Our Guided Reading focus is all about comprehension. We will be showing what we have understood by retelling what we have just read using words and phrases from the text. When you read with your child at home, perhaps you could ask them to explain or retell what they have just been reading about.

Our non-fiction focus will be writing reports. We will be learning lots of interesting facts about different mini-beasts and writing reports about them.. When writing our reports we will be focussing on writing in paragraphs using headings and sub-headings so that each paragraph is about a different subject.

We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and practise using known sounds to write regular words independently (Fred Talk). We will be continuing to learn how to read and spell our key words.



Maths

This term we will continue to read and write numbers to 100 and beyond in numerals and words. We will be using our place value knowledge to represent different numbers and solve problems. We will be counting in 2s, 3s 5s and 10s. We will be using our understanding of addition and subtraction to solve problems. We will be learning addition and subtraction facts using numbers up to 20 and 100. We will continue to learn our multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be using the \times and \div sign to record calculations. We will learn how to recognise, find, name and write the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. We will be learning how to estimate, measure and compare the length and capacity of different objects and measure them using standard units. We will be learning how to recognise coins and combine them to make different totals. We will be learning to tell and write the time including quarter to and quarter past. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will learn how to use positional language. We will be using our data handling skills to show information in lists, tables and graphs and answer questions about the information.



Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Mini-beasts'. We will be investigating different mini-beasts and going on bug hunts. We will count and identify the bugs we find and create tables and graphs to show what we have found out. We will find out about habitats and where different bugs like to live. We will be learning about life cycles and food chains.

After half term our new topic will be 'Castles'. We will learn about the different parts of a castle and what they are for. We will also learn about the people who lived and worked in castles and what their lives were like. Our creative development will focus on drawing and painting. We will learn how to draw and paint different lines. We will create a colour wheel and learn how to mix different colours. Our physical development focus for this term is games and athletics. In ICT we will be using technology to show our ideas in different ways.