



KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 2

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome all the children back to school and into Year 2. We hope that you all managed to find some time to relax over the summer.

Given that this will be the first time, since March, that all of the children have been back in school together, our focus for the first few weeks will be on supporting this transition. As part of this focus we will carry out a range of creative activities that will help children become accustomed to their new routines and environment, whilst also helping them reconnect with their friends and the adults working in the classroom.

As the term progresses much of the learning will stem from our key Literacy texts, "The Bear and the Piano", "Amazing Grace" and the poem "If I Were" and from our Science topic "Materials – Good Choices". The table below provides a brief overview of the learning experiences children will be having across the subjects.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	We will be focusing on two stories, "The Bear and the Piano" and "Amazing Grace". We will begin by making inferences about the texts and understanding what we have read. We will be looking at descriptive writing, diary entries and newspaper reports and beginning to understand how to edit our work. We will be looking at the poem "If I Were" by Eva L Robinson and discussing rhyming. Grammar sessions will focus on compound words, question marks and exclamation marks, adjectives, joining sentences together, and writing in the present and past tense. We will also be recapping some of our phonics sounds and using them to decode unfamiliar words.
Maths	We will be recapping ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We will practise our addition and subtraction within 100 and learning to bridge to 10. We will begin looking at number bonds to 100 and comparing these to our number bonds to 10. We will be identifying and classifying a variety of 2D shapes. We will be expanding our knowledge of mathematical vocabulary.
Science	We will be looking at 'Materials – Good Choices'. We will build on learning from Year 1 about different materials and their properties. The children consolidate their understanding that one type of object can be made from different materials and also that one material can be used for a number of different objects. . During the module the children test a range of different materials for different purposes. They will also have an opportunity to think about creative and unusual uses of everyday materials and find out about John Dunlop, who invented rubber pneumatic tyres.
Computing	We will be recapping E-Safety, reminding ourselves how to use computers safely and the different purposes of a computer.
History	We will be finding out about the first flight, what early aeroplanes looked like and how they have changed over time, using timelines.
PHSCE	Our PSHE focus, for the whole half term, will be on the transition back to school and supporting relationships.



Art/DT	We will be creating some work to display in our classroom such as making some "Learning Superheroes" and art based around our favourite stories. We will also look at creating art using natural materials.
RE	We will be learning about creation and thinking about how we can look after our world. We will discuss what we love about the world around us and ask questions about the concept of creation. We will also be discussing the idea of kindness and how this fits into caring about God's creation.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Google Classroom. It will consist of either a maths or writing task and a group of spellings to be learnt. It will set on Thursdays and needs to be completed and turned in by Tuesday. In addition to these home learning tasks we recommend that children also engage with RM Easi-Maths on a regular basis. Please let a member of the Year 2 team know, if you need any help accessing these platforms

Reading

Each week we will be sending home two school reading books. As part of our COVID 19 control measures all books returned to school will be placed in a quarantine box until for 72 hours before they are sent out again. The day your child's book is changed will be the same as it was in Year 1. We do hear the children read regularly at school so their book will need to be in **every day**.

One of the most important ways in which you can support your child's learning is to ensure that they engage with 10- 15 minutes reading every day. This can consist of hearing them read their school reading book or sharing books that you have at home. Instead of having a paper reading record, we have created an online reading record, which can be accessed and completed once a week, via Google Classroom. Instructions will follow on how to do this.

PE

We will be having PE sessions on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. As part of our control measures, we do not want children to change in the classroom so on **these days children will need to come in to school wearing** their PE kit. This should consist of their school polo top or school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

School Bags

School bags should not be brought to school. Children will not be transporting home learning folders or pencil cases. When they need to bring items on site e.g. a reading book, they should **use a named plastic bag or a book bag**.

We are very much looking forward to working with you over the course of the next academic year. If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.
email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team