



KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year Two

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish all of the children a very warm welcome back to school and into Year 2. We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Please refer to the table below, for a brief overview of the learning experiences that the children will have in each subject, during this half term.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	We will start the term reading David Litchfield's 'The Bear and the Piano'. We will be taking on the role of a character in the book and producing some descriptive writing from the character's perspective. We will also be writing a newspaper report recounting the amazing story of the bear who was found in the woods and ended up performing in city concert halls. Our second text this half term will be 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman. We will be writing a character description as well as writing about people who are special to us. We will have daily handwriting sessions when we will practise the correct letter formation of individual letters.
Phonics	In Phonics we will be focussing on our phase 5 sounds. We will be practising reading and spelling words containing the phase 5 graphemes: ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, or, au, wh and ph. We will continue to practise reading high frequency and common exception words with a particular focus on spelling the following words: said, so, have, like, some, come, were, there, little, one, do, when, what, out, could, should, want, their, Mr, Mrs, love, your, people, looked, called, asked, water, where.
Maths	This term we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, money and multiplication and division. Learning will include counting forwards and backwards within 50, comparing numbers, finding 10 more and 10 less, adding three 1-digit numbers, recognising coins and notes and finding totals of money, making equal groups and adding equal groups.
Science	In Science, our topic will be 'Materials – Good Choices'. We will build on learning from Year 1 about different materials and their properties. The children will 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 will 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	In Computing, we will learn about online safety including searching and emails. We will then learn about the use of spreadsheets. In this unit we will be copying, cutting and pasting totals and adding amounts.



History	Our topic is 'Toys, Past and Present'. We will describe the characteristics of toys, look at the types of toys our parents and grandparents played with, learning about what toys were like at different times on the past, looking at toys to decide whether they are old or new and looking at similarities and differences. In October, we will be having a week when we will focus on Inspirational People in Black History.
PHSCE	Our topic is titled 'Being in My World'. We will discuss our hopes and fears, rights and responsibilities, how to listen to and work well with others and making choices and the consequences of our choices.
Art/DT	In Art we will be learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and taking inspiration from his beautiful creations to make our own sculptures using natural materials.
RE	In R.E. we will be learning more about Islam. We will be exploring the question 'Does praying at intervals throughout the day help Muslims in their daily lives?'. We will be finding out more about how and why Muslim's pray five times a day and reflect on what commitment means.
Music	In music we will continue to follow our music scheme Charanga. Our focus song this half term is 'Hands, feet, heart'.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom. It will consist of either a Maths or English activity in addition to a spelling list. It will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and turned in by 9am on the following Wednesday. We will provide the children with a 'Home Learning' exercise book, which the children can record their home learning in if they wish. A photo can be taken of the learning and then uploaded and submitted to Google Classroom. Home learning exercise books are to be kept at home.

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

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be listening to your child read so that we can assess their reading level. Following this, we will be sending home two school reading books each week. These books will be sent home in a plastic folder, which we will provide. We ask that these reading folders and reading books are sent into school every day. As part of our COVID 19 control measures, when books are returned we place them in a quarantine box for 72 hours before they are sent out again.

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. We will continue to use the reading record on Google Classroom to monitor children's reading. It is important that you look at the reading record on a regular basis and make a brief comment about your child's reading at least once a week. If you need any help accessing this record, please let the Year 2 team know by emailing the school office.

P.E.

We will be having our coached PE session on a Friday. The class will also have PE on a Wednesday. On these days, children will need to **come in to school wearing their PE kit**. This should consist of their school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms/PE shorts and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).



Pencil Cases

In Year Two we ask children to bring their own pencil case. Your child will need a plastic/metal pencil case containing pencils, handwriting pen, small ruler, eraser, sharpener (one that holds sharpenings), colouring pencils, small glue stick.

What will my child need in school?

- **Named** school jumper/cardigan/coat
- Named pencil case as outlined above
- Named water bottle (water fountains are still not in use)
- Folder containing reading book (provided by school)
- Children won't need a large school bag as they are no longer bringing PE kits/home learning folders to and from school. Children may use a plastic bag if they need to bring anything in.
- Children can bring in school book bags if they have them.
- Small packet of tissues, and we also ask for any donations of larger tissue boxes for the classroom.
- Children having packed lunch will need to continue to use a plastic bag rather than a lunch box please.

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.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Prados & Miss Goringe