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KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 2

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2023

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.

As the term progresses much of the learning will stem from our key Literacy texts, "The Bear and the Piano", "Ruby's Worry" 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, "Ruby's Worry" and "The Bear and the Piano". 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 recapping full stops, capital letters and question marks. We will use adjectives and conjunctions in our planning to make our writing more sophisticated.
Phonics and Spelling	In Year 2 we begin to look at spelling patterns and similarities between words in order to spell a greater number of words correctly. We will use strategies such as clapping syllables to spell longer words and learning common suffixes.
Maths	For the first part of the half term we will be focussing on place value. We will recap numbers to 100 and think about how to represent 2-digit numbers using tens and ones. We will compare and order 2-digit numbers and practise counting in 2s, 3s and 5s. We will look at the relationship between addition and subtraction in the second half of the half term. We will look at ten more and ten less and adding and subtracting from 2-digit numbers.
Science	Our Science Topic in Y2 is entitled 'Materials – Good Choices'. In this module children 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.

RE	We will be looking at the story of creation. We will discuss what we love about the world around us and ask questions about the concept of creation. We will be thinking about what it means to create something and how important it is to look after the world, including each other.
Computing	We will be recapping E-Safety, reminding ourselves how to use computers safely and the different purposes of a computer. We will also be building on their understanding from Year 1 about the uses of spreadsheets and the different functions they can perform.
History	We will be finding out about the first flight, what early aeroplanes looked like and how they have changed over time. We will use timelines to help us understand this. We will discuss the factors that made the Wright Brothers successful in their attempt.
PHSCE	Our PSHE focus will be "Being Me in My World", thinking about rules, rights, rewards, responsibilities and consequences. This will help us to settle into our new class and agree on how we can learn best together.
Art	Towards the end of the half term we will have some art focus days. We will use our natural environment to inspire our art by collecting and photographing things we find outside. We will use these to create our own sketches and drawings influenced by autumn.

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. This will be set on **Fridays** and needs to be completed and turned in by the following **Thursday**. We will have **spelling tests on Thursdays**.

Some of our learning will involve our new maths platform, MyMaths, which the children began to use at the end of Year 1. Please let a member of the Year 2 team know, if you need any help accessing these platforms

Reading

Each week children will bring home their school reading book. We do hear the children read regularly at school so their book will need to be in school **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.

PE

We will be having PE sessions on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. 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).

What does my child need in school?

- **Named** school jumper/cardigan
- **Named** coat
- **Named** water bottle
- Your child will need a small pencil case containing **pencils, handwriting pen, ruler, eraser, sharpener (one that holds sharpenings), colouring pencils, glue stick**.

- Small packet of tissues, and we also ask for any donations of larger tissue boxes for the classroom.

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