

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2

Dear parents and carers, please have a look over
our curriculum for the coming half term...



Learning Together for Life



Articles of Half Term:

The ABCDE of Rights

All Children have rights, They have them from Birth, They Cannot be taken away, They Do not need to be earned, All rights are Equal

Article 38 – All children have the right to be protected from war

Article 29 – All children have the right to be taught how to respect animals and the environment



Writing: Our book for this half term is Billy and The Minpins. We will be exploring the descriptive language inside the book, using and adapting it to create our own setting descriptions and stories. We will also be looking into the features of a newspaper report, to retell some key events from the story, using quotes taken directly from the book.



Phonics: We are continuing to work hard following the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. Each child will have individual targets depending on the group that they are working within, please ensure you are continuing to read at home daily with your child as this has a huge impact on their phonics and reading! Some children will be focussing on comprehension skills as they have moved on from phonics.



Maths: This half term in maths we will be focussing on consolidating key areas of learning, including place value, multiplication, division and time. Our aim is to help strengthen the children's understanding and ensure they are confident in applying these essential skills.



Science: This half term our topic is Living Things and their Habitats Around the World. We will continue to explore different living things and their habitats, but this time focusing on different habitats from around the world. Considering how they are constantly changing and adapting.



History/Geography: Our Geography focus this half term continues to be 'What makes the equator special?' We will continue to discover how the equator is related to weather and climate, compare national parks in the UK and Nigeria and identify the different human and physical features of each country.



Music: This half-term, the children in Bracken and Fern will be learning about rhythm and notation. They will listen to different space-inspired music, including Gustav Holst's The Planets, then use space-themed vocabulary to create their own rhythms which will form their own compositions for a planet. They will also consider the pitch of each rhythm on the chime bars, along with the tempo and dynamics to match the atmosphere and mood they want to portray.



PSHE: Our focus this half term is Health and Wellbeing. We will be focussing on naming the private parts of our body using the correct vocabulary, understanding what a varied healthy diet is and why we need it and finally learning that certain medicines can help us feel better.



Computing: In this unit, we will be exploring 2calculate. Children will be learning how to use spreadsheets to do a variety of different things, including editing cells and using a spreadsheet to work out maths calculations.



PE: In PE we will be focusing on Hockey and Net and Wall skills. Children will be learning how to hold a hockey stick and use it to effectively control the ball. In Net and Wall skills children will be learning how to work cooperatively with others in a team game as well as positioning to attack or defend within a game.



RE: This half-term, we will be continuing to work on two questions. How do some people talk to God? Where do some people talk to God? In assemblies we will be focusing on 'How do we know some people have a connection to God?'



Art & DT: This half term we are focussing on DT. We will link our learning to science as we will be using clay and plasticine to create plant pots and bug friends based on a minibeast of our choice! We will use our moulding skills to create the pots and include fine details so they resemble a bug!



Forest Schools: This half term, Ivy class will be searching for and identifying minibeasts in both a woodland and a pond habitat. They will also be making art from natural resources, learning the names of common trees and cooking pancakes on an open fire.

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please make sure your child comes to school with their reading books in their bags everyday because we would like to read with the children. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children with long hair need to have it tied back and all earrings must be removed.

Please ensure all uniform is named!