

Autumn Term 2021

Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. This leaflet contains an overview of what your child will be learning in the Foundation subjects.

Below, we have included what the children will be learning about in English and Maths. Phonics and reading remain a key part of all areas of our learning. The children will be undertaking the government Phonic Screening test towards the end of the Autumn term.

In English we are learning about:

First half term:

We will be learning and innovating the repetitive story 'Chicken Licken'. The children will learn the story and then create their own version. We will also be looking at letter writing and will learn how to write a persuasive letter using the appropriate language. Writing will focus on correct grammatical structure, punctuation and using adjectives.

Second half term:

We will be learning and innovating the story of Town and Country Mouse. We will look at settings and characters, developing our use of descriptive writing. We all also use an increasing range of conjunctions. Children will increase the length of the texts they write.

In Maths we are learning about:

First half term:

- Place Value: Reading, counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100.
- Calculation: addition and subtraction of numbers up to 100, including regrouping, exchanging and crossing the tens boundaries.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Second half term:

- Problem solving: problems involving addition, subtraction, finding the difference and counting on.
- Multiplication: understanding what multiplication means, learning different methods including arrays, repeated addition and times tables.
- Division: understanding division as sharing and linking it to multiplication.
- Money: Counting coins and notes. Making totals and finding change.

Science:

We will be studying different biological focuses such as:
-What all living things need in order to survive.

-The growth and development of animals.

-Lifecycles of different animals as well as human beings.

-How animals use adaptation in order to survive.

ICT: We will be developing our skills using the program WORD. We will be using the keyboard, saving work, editing text and inserting images.

**In the first half term our topic is:
What do we need to survive?**

D.T: Children will explore healthy food and what makes a healthy lunchbox. They will investigate this by tasting sandwiches. Then we will design and create our own healthy sandwich.

PSHE: This term we will be learning about keeping ourselves healthy, eating healthily, the benefits of exercise and personal hygiene.

PE: In PE children will learn yoga moves and poses.

RE: We will be learning about Islam and Muslim beliefs about Allah.

Music:

We will be learning to play the glockenspiel.

Science: We will be identifying and naming different habitats and animals and plants that live there. We will explore differences between living and dead. We will identify how animals obtain their food from plants and others animals using the idea of a simple food chain.

PSHE: Children will be learning about equality through positive relationships, including challenging stereotypes and bullying.

RE: We are continuing to learn about Muslim beliefs and their special ceremonies.

**In the second half term our topic is:
Where are we?**

Music: We will be composing our own music and reading music notation.

Geography:

We will name and locate the worlds continents and ocean. We will use maps and aerial photographs to locate places and identify landmarks.

We will devise simple maps and use symbols in a simple key.

ICT:

The children will review photos taken by photographers, learn how to use a digital camera, take photos to fit a theme, edit their photos and then choose the best images for their portfolio.

Art: We will be looking at digital image skills. We will use a range of tools including photography to manipulate and change photos.

PE: We will be performing dance. In games we will develop team work and ball skills.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for health and safety reasons or the children have tape in school.

PE days for each class are **Monday and Wednesday**.

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesdays**. In school PE kit will be used on **Monday**.

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily and recorded in the reading diaries.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a regular basis. We are currently focusing on the 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables.
- Weekly homework: each week an English, Maths and Spelling task will be set on the online programs (Reading Eggs/Mathletics/Spelling Shed). Homework will be **set on Friday** and must be **completed by Thursday** the following week please!

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and hand it in on time.

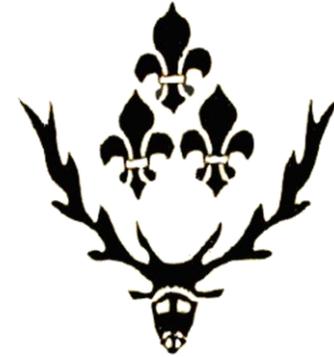
If you would like to discuss any aspect of this booklet or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss McDermott, Mrs McLean and the Year 2 team.

Parent Information



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