

# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements in Year 2.

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this term, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Classes	Giraffe and Zebra		
Class Teachers	Mrs O'Brien/Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bailey		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Lacey – Giraffe (Wednesday am) Mrs Forster– Zebra (Tuesday pm, Wednesday am, Thursday pm) In case of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Hardy Mrs Wyeth		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. This will include a weekly Mathletics activity to be completed on the computer. Home learning should be brought back to school on Tuesday.		
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 20 minutes each day. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE takes place on Monday and Friday. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed, this includes earrings. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned events this term	Arctic explorer visit Raptorxotics – date to be confirmed		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Ticket To Ride	Frozen	Island life
	Making a Difference	Animal Matters	London Calling

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the work that the children will be studying up until Easter so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

**Literacy**

Some of this term's Literacy work will be closely linked to our theme. Amongst other activities we will be learning how to write a recount and diary entries incorporating the use of adjectives and other descriptive language such as similes. We will also be studying a selection of poetry and writing our own poems.

**Maths**

In Maths, we will be focussing on the 4 operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be covering fractions and measurement.

**RE**

In R.E. we will be learning about Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu. We will also be learning about the 10 commandments and how they are God's rules for living. In the lead up to Easter we will be looking at Easter symbols and their meaning. Through worship, we will be exploring the Christian value of Thankfulness.

**PE**

This term our PE topics are Multi-skills, Gymnastics and Dance. We will learn different PE skills; throwing, catching, movement and balance. We will also be playing games using skills of defending and attacking. We will be playing a range of games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points. This term a number of the PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate named footwear in their PE bags. We may also take advantage of the weather and incorporate PE into our theme work therefore it would be beneficial if children's PE kits stay in school.

**ICT/Computing**

As well as using ICT throughout the curriculum, the children will be introduced to coding and how to use the internet as a research tool. We will also learn about internet safety.

**Themed Work**

Our themes this term are Frozen and Animal Matters which will incorporate Science, History, Geography, Art and D.T. As part of our Frozen theme, we will learn about Arctic explorers, sleigh building, animal habitats and how we can use recycling in art.

Next half term, our theme will be Animal Matters which will incorporate Science, History Geography, Art and D.T. During this, we will be looking at nocturnal animals and life cycles.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to catch one of the Year 2 team and we will be happy to help.

If you are interested in helping out in the classroom in any way, please let us know as we always welcome help with activities such as listening to children read.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs Bailey, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Edwards

