



Curriculum Newsletter.

Year 2

Spring 1 2022

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you had a great Christmas and are excited to be back at school with us. There are lots of great things planned this term and we cannot wait to get started.

A Few Reminders.

School start time.

The doors to the classrooms open at 8.40am and all children complete morning learning tasks or interventions until 9am. Please ensure your child arrives promptly so they do not miss these important pieces of learning additional learning support.

Uniform.

Children should all be wearing school uniform, and this should be worn each day, except for Wednesday when the children have PE. Children need to be wearing black shoes and not trainers. Please can you ensure all items of uniform are named. Please speak to a member of the team if you need any information regarding uniform.

PE Kit.

All children should wear full PE kit to school every Wednesday. Jewellery must not be worn for PE. In the case of children with earrings, these should be a single stud and not a hooped earring. Children must be able to remove their own earrings themselves for PE.

PE kit consists of black shorts, a plain white or black T-shirt and trainers. A dark coloured tracksuit or joggers may be worn if required in colder weather.

Homework.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday afternoon to be returned completed the following Wednesday. We will be monitoring this, as the expectation is all children should complete the tasks set. Please support your child completing their homework, but we request you do not complete the work for them. It would also be beneficial to your child to help practise their 2,5,10 and 3 times tables and year 2 spellings at home.

Reading.

Parents are asked to read with your child each night and record this in the reading record book. Your child needs to return their book every Monday. Currently, books will be changed once a week. Children benefit enormously from frequently reading and discussing the books they have read at home, as this helps them develop key skills they will need to use all year across the whole curriculum.

Parent Information Session

We will soon be holding our parent's information session to share with you some information about statutory assessments that your children will take later in the year. Please look out for further details about these sessions as they are beneficial in helping parents to understand the expectations for your children and how we can all help them reach the expected level of achievement.

Year 2 Facebook Group page.

We will soon be launching a brand new private Facebook group for our parents so that we can share information with you. We will provide you with the details, rules and expectations of the page and how to access this shortly.

English

In English this term, the children will use Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. This play will be explored by children across the NPAT schools as part of our work with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Children will look at the characters, the plot lines and the language and style of which the play was written as well as learning about the author himself.

Throughout these lessons, grammar and punctuation techniques will also be taught. Children's spelling of the common exception words will also frequently be checked across the term.

Maths

This term's focus is on multiplication and division. Children will be taught different strategies to identify and make equal groups, how repeated addition and multiplication link together, and how to complete multiplication and division questions. They will be taught how to record their working out and how to use these skills to answer reasoning questions.

We will also be continuing with practising our times tables with a focus on 2, 5 and 10.

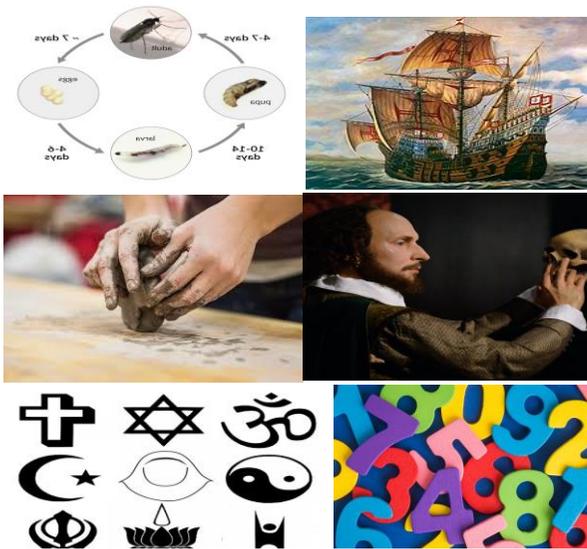
PE

This term children will be focussing upon developing different ways of moving and developing their coordination. Children will also have the opportunity to develop their personal skills, and they will learn to work as part of a team. The children will also be doing some tag rugby sessions and games with a coach from Northampton Saints.

Foundation Subjects

Over the next few weeks in History, we are going to be learning about the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be learning about when they explored, what they explored, what they discovered and how this has an impact upon our lives today.

In Art, children will be focussing upon different techniques that we can use when using clay. They will be taught different shaping, joining and decorating techniques and how to use the equipment safely to create different effects and models. In computing, children will be learning how to make digital music using Google Chrome Lab and revisiting online safety. In music we will be exploring rock music.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE we will be looking at our Dreams and Goals. We will be looking at what being successful looks like and the steps we can choose to make to help us be successful in a certain goal. We will explore how we all have different hopes and goals and how we can achieve these either by ourselves or working alongside others.

Science

This term we will be learning about food chains. Children will explore what these are, how they work and what happens to the energy consumed by the animals. They will be learning lots of new scientific vocabulary and practising working scientifically skills. Children will plan and complete simple experiments and investigations.

RE

In RE this half term, children will continue learning about Islam. They will be learning how the five pillars of Islam support Muslims in their daily lives to show their commitment to their religion.