

Year 2 Curriculum

Newsletter

AUTUMN 2018

The Year 2 teachers would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child back for a new school year. We have quickly settled down into this very busy term and are already hard at work. May we remind you that it is crucial that your child attends school every day, so that they don't miss important work and events. We have an exciting term ahead of us, full of creative and fun learning experiences for the children.

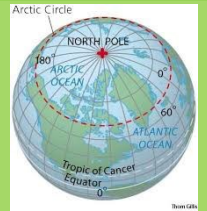
Autumn Term 1

Our first topic is called 'Beside the seaside' where the children will be learning about the geographical features of the seaside and how seaside holidays have changed over time. We are looking forward to our trip to Southend where we will experience the seaside first-hand. The children will also learn about the important role of the RNLI.



Autumn Term 2

After the half term, our second topic will be 'The Arctic' where the children will be learning about Arctic explorers, the environment and animals and people who inhabit the regions.



Maths

Over the term we will be focusing on number facts. You can support your child by helping them with:

- Having instant recall of their number bonds up to 10, 20 and 100
- Having instant recall of multiplication facts and corresponding division facts for x2, x5 and x10, eg. $2 \times 5 = 10$, $10 \div 5 = 2$

Useful maths websites:

[BBC BITESIZE](#)

[Topmarks](#)

[Woodlands](#)

[Primary Interactive](#)

[Crick](#)



English

Over this term our English lessons will be linked to both our topics and a range of great books.

We are starting with 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by **Ronda Armitage**, and later will be exploring 'Immi' by **Karen Littlewood** as well as a host of other inspiring books.

We will be teaching the children how to write in a variety of styles, as well as continuing to develop their understanding of phonics and grammar. The children will also continue to have regular reading and handwriting sessions.



Art

We will be looking at examples of art inspired by the seaside. The children will then have the opportunity to create collages using materials from the seaside and develop their drawing skills.



RE

In RE, children will be looking at Christianity. They will learn about what Christians believe and why Jesus is important to them. We will be having a special guest visit us in school to speak to the children.



Music

This term children in Year 2 will be learning about various composers who used the sea as inspiration for their music. Using this, the children will have the opportunity to compose their own work.



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Home Learning

In Year 2, children will be given a home learning activity each week to support their work in English, Maths or their topic work. It is given out on Friday and must be returned the following Wednesday. We will also be setting a reading task each week which should also be completed in their home learning books.

In addition to this, we would encourage adults to read with their children every day for at least 10 minutes. We will be rewarding children in class for reading at home, so we would be grateful if parents/carers would sign in their child's reading journal to confirm the reading activities.



SCIENCE

In Science, children will be learning about the uses of everyday materials.

- Investigating where different materials are used and why.
- Comparing the suitability of different materials for different uses
- Finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching



Lexia

We will shortly begin using a computer program in school which will help children develop their reading and spelling skills. Children will be given individual logins to enable them to also access Lexia at home. The more practise the children have, the more progress they will make.

Age Appropriate Material

Can we remind parents / carers that children should only be watching age appropriate films - **U, PG or 12A** (if accompanied by an adult). Please also be vigilant regarding children viewing inappropriate music videos online and access to age appropriate video games.



PE The pupils will continue to have two PE lessons a week. The days are occasionally subject to change and so we would ask that pupils always have their PE kits in school just in case!

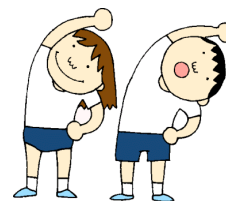
2W - Monday and Thursday

2T - Monday and Thursday

2P - Wednesday and Thursday

2S - Wednesday and Thursday

Please can you ensure that your child's name is written on every piece of their PE kit, including both plimsolls, so they are less likely to get lost. Please make sure all pieces of PE kit are labelled with your child's full name and kept in a drawstring bag.



Diary Dates

25th Sept	2W&2T visit to Southend
26th Sept	2P&2S visit to Southend
19th Oct	INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
22nd Oct—26th Oct	Half Term Holiday
29th Oct	Pupils return to school
21st Dec	INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
7th Jan	Pupils return to school

Every Day Counts -

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

2W — Nicoli, Daniel, Chiechetam, Dominic, Manesh, Millan, Raveen, Dennis, Lukcman, Aditi,

2T — Adrika, Ariele

2P — Adama Ketura, Jack, Levi, Alexandra, Preston, Nina, Amelia, Darun

2S — Ionut, Arjun, Atharv, Udham, Hanshika, Kashaf

These children were all presented with certificates and stickers in assembly.

