

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2 2021

### Discovering Our World!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you managed to enjoy the half term break! Our topic for Autumn 2 is 'Discovering Our World'. Alongside our English, Mathematics and Science, this topic will incorporate many of the subject areas through a variety of creative tasks and activities. We will explore ...

#### **As readers and writers...**

English lessons will be taught through the Write Stuff approach and will see children learning key grammar skills as part of their journey to becoming skilled writers. Lessons will be taught through quality texts and the children will explore these through a variety of ways. This half term, children will read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' as well as 'Meerkat Mail'.

Reading sessions will take place daily and will include both phonics and comprehension. The children will also enjoy a rich 'read aloud' selection of books throughout the year to ensure they are continually exposed to high quality texts.

#### **As scientists, we will be investigating...**

How we can recycle and reuse! The topic will see us learning about climate change, the impact of global warming and understanding how recycling can help to reduce the impact. We will also look at renewable energy and how we can save water!



#### **Attendance**

Chaffinch:                      Goldfinch:  
**Target: 97.5%**

#### **As mathematicians we will be learning to...**

##### Number: Addition and Subtraction Continued

- Use number bonds to 10 and 20 in addition
- Use number bonds to 10 and 20 in subtraction
- Add and subtract ones from a 2-digit number
- Add and subtract multiples of ten
- Add and subtract tens from a 2-digit number
- Add two 2-digit numbers
- Subtract two 2-digit numbers
- Add and subtract two 2-digit numbers
- Add three 1-digit numbers
- Use number facts to solve equations involving larger numbers (e.g.  $4+3=7$  so  $40+30=70$ )

##### Number: Multiplication and Division

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables including recognising odd and even numbers
- Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication, division and equals signs
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division using a range of methods including problems and contexts
- Create, read and interpret arrays
- Show that the multiplication of two numbers is commutative and division of one number by another is not.

As good citizens...

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at the topic of 'Citizenship and the World'. We will be exploring how different people live their lives and promoting mutual respect.

As historians...

We will be learning about explorers, including Amy Johnson, and discovering more about travel in the past linked to India.

As theologians...

In RE we will look in depth at Judaism. For this half term we will be learning more about Jewish leaders and important figures as well as the celebration, Hannukah.

As sports people...

We will be working on object control, stability and locomotion.

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As musicians...

We will continue with our Musical Bumps sessions, beginning to read musical notation.

As geographers...

We will continue to explore India as our global Oasis link and focussing on human and physical features.

As linguists...

We will continue our learning on fruits and days of the week as well as moving on to me, my friends and family.

As aspiring artists...

We will be looking at seascapes and water colour techniques with a focus on the artist, JMW Turner.

As chefs...

We will be making salt dough winter decorations.

In Computing...

We will be working on our coding skills to program an object online.

Homework

Children will have one written and one oral homework set on Friday each week, which will be due in the following Wednesday.

**Reading** - All children will take home a banded reading book that is appropriate for their level. These can be changed as often as needed provided they have been read and understood.

**Spelling** - All children will be sent home spellings each week (based on spelling rules or high frequency words) and they will be tested on a weekly basis after they have been sent home to learn. There will be assignments with these spellings set on Spelling Shed too.

**Times tables** - Children will also be encouraged to focus on their times tables throughout the year (in Year 2, we focus on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables).

Year 2 team

**Chaffinch** - Mrs Harriman (Miss Brophy (PPA))

**Goldfinch** - Mrs Cutter (Miss Champion (PPA))

**Year 2 TAs** - Mrs Turner, Mrs Brooks (Butterfly)

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for **Goldfinch** and **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for **Chaffinch**. Please ensure that your child is sent in to school with the correct kit on those days.
- Please continue to read for pleasure every day with your child and record it in their reading records. We will be checking them daily.