Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2 2025/26
Citizenship Around The World

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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 '*Can we Really Help the Polar Bears?*' 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… materials!
Children will recognise and describe most materials in their environments. They will know if these materials are man-made or naturally occurring. Children will recognise which materials can change shape using a variety of push/pull forces. They will understand how the properties of a material determine its uses.

Attendance

Chaffinch: 96.7% **Goldfinch: 98.7%**

Target: 97.5%

As mathematicians we will be learning…

Number: Addition and Subtraction *Continued*

- Use number bonds to 10 and 20 in addition and 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 three 1-digit numbers
- Use number facts to solve equations involving larger numbers (e.g. 4+3=7 so 40+30=70)
- Solve mixed addition and subtraction problems
- Compare number sentences
- Solve missing number problems

Geometry: Shape

- Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Count sides on 2-D shapes
- Count vertices on 2-D shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry on shapes
- Use lines of symmetry to complete shapes
- Sort 2-D shapes
- Count faces on 3-D shapes
- Count edges on 3-D shapes
- Count vertices on 3-D shapes
- Make patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes

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As good citizens…

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at the topic of 'British Values'. We will be exploring what the 5 British values are and how they are used to promote respect.

As historians…

We will be learning about Queen Victoria and Victorian era comparing life back to how we live in the present day.

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.

As musicians…

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

As linguists…

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

As geographers…

To compare England and India. Children will be able to locate India on a world map and know some key physical and human features of India.

As aspiring artists…

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

As budding techies…

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 with 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 to support them.

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). These will also be tested on a weekly basis.

Year 2 team

Chaffinch – Miss Turner
(Mr Kabeya - PPA)

Goldfinch – Miss Bailey
(Miss Brown – PPA, Miss Champion – ECT release)

Year 2 TAs – Miss Brown, Mrs Brooks (Butterfly)

KS1 Phase Leader – Miss Turner

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for **Chaffinch** and **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for **Goldfinch**. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing the correct PE 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.