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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



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'Marvellous Me'



Literacy

As they move up to Year 2, children will continue to explore texts through the use of 'Talk for Writing'. We will begin the term using the story 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes to promote skills for writing through grammar lessons, role play, story mapping and shared writing to create our own tales about a missing toy. Children will also recite poetry, identifying patterns and rhyme within these. They will end the half term by creating their own poem around the theme 'Marvellous Me'.

Numeracy

Year 2 will become increasingly familiar with numbers up to 100 and they will be able to use a range of equipment to show how 2-digit numbers are made up of tens and ones. Children will become confident in counting forwards and backwards in 1s and 10s from any number within 100. They will use their developing knowledge of place value to compare 2-digit numbers and to add and subtract using equipment including base ten, Numicon and number lines. Throughout the term, they will be encouraged to solve problems, challenges and investigations based on number, place value, money and shape.

Science

Children will learn about how humans change and grow; the basic life cycle of human beings; and what humans need to keep healthy. They will conduct their own investigation to find out if we get faster as we get older.

Computing

Children will be learning about technology around us and how it can be useful. They will identify and discuss problems and dangers that could occur and how to deal with these situations by telling a trusted grown-up.



PE

Year 2 will explore music and movement through dance. They will create their own sequences of movement to a piece of music based around the concept of 'family'.

RE

Year 2 will explore the topic 'Belonging'. They will develop their understanding around belonging to different groups within their lives.

History & Geography

Year 2 will research famous people to find out why they are MARVELLOUS. They focus on Rosa Parks and the Paralympian Tanni Grey-Thompson. The children will use some features of Granby to help identify how school life has changed.

Art & Design and Technology

Children will explore the artwork of Andy Warhol and identify similarities between other pop artists. They will create their own image in the style of his work.

PSHE

Children will continue to follow the MindUP curriculum to develop a growth mindset. Within this subject, we will also continue to promote the British Values.

Music

Children will explore songs around the theme 'Ourselves' and 'Toys'. They will develop their use of vocal skills and pitch. During assembly time children will also learn some songs linked to the Granby Values.

Stop and Share

Keep an eye out for information about 'Stop and Share' sessions where you will be able to join your child in their classroom for half an hour. You can explore a range of activities with your child and talk to staff about the curriculum.

Phonics

Children will continue with their daily phonics sessions, reinforcing the learning from Year 1. Throughout the term we will be inviting parents to stay and join in with a phonics lesson. More information will follow shortly.

Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes a night. Books and reading records must be brought to school every day. They also need to practise their recognition and spelling of common exception words: these can be found at the front of their reading diary along with the phase 3 and 5 graphemes from our phonics programme of study.
- Children's homework will be sent out on a Friday and will be focused on either Literacy, Numeracy or Topic work. The work will always reflect what the children have been learning about in school during the week.
- PE is on a **Monday for 2L Ladybirds** and **Wednesday for 2P Butterflies**. Please ensure that suitable PE kit, including a change of footwear, is in school at all times as we sometimes have time for extra PE sessions in the morning. Jewellery must not be worn and is best removed at home.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day. Please do not send squash, fruit juice or sugary drinks of any other kind. They will be provided with fruit at break time.
- Finally, in Year 2, we encourage children to become more independent and start taking responsibility for their own learning needs. However, we are always available to talk to you before and after school. Please contact the school office to make an appointment at other times.