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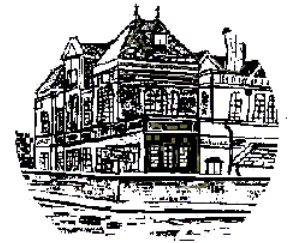
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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



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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 explore poetry, learning how to recite a poem, and identifying patterns and rhyme within a range of different poems.

Numeracy

Year 2 children will become increasingly familiar with numbers up to 100 and they will be learning 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 compare skills they have now to things they could do when they were younger.

Computing

Children will be learning about the technology around us and how it can be useful (e.g. searching). They will identify and discuss problems and dangers that could occur and how to keep themselves safe online.



PE

For indoor PE, children will explore music and movement through dance based around the concept of 'family'. Children will also learn to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, and begin to apply these in a range of activities outdoors.

RE

Year 2 will explore the topic 'Myself'. They will think about themselves and consider differences and similarities between each other, linking these ideas to different religions.

History & Geography

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

Art & Design Technology

Children will create a self-portrait entitled 'Marvellous Me!' They will explore the artwork of Andy Warhol and identify similarities between him and other pop artists. They will create their own image in the style of his work.

PSHCE

Year 2's return to school will include a range of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education work focussing on transition to the new year group and recognising and understanding different feelings within themselves and others.

Phonics

Children will continue with their daily phonics sessions, re-capping learning from Year 1 in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check later this term. Teaching will be tailored to children's needs with intervention where appropriate.

Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes each night. New school reading books will be issued shortly and must be brought to school every day. Children 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 scheme. In light of the current situation, books will be given out on a Monday and should be returned to school on **Fridays** when they will be quarantined before being returned to the KS1 book shelves. Children should continue to read their own books at home at the weekend.
- 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 children have been learning about in school during the week so that they have a good idea of what to do. This will either be in the form of a homework sheet, which will not need to be returned to school, or through online learning. Children's individual log-ins for online learning platforms will be shared with you soon.
- PE is on a **Tuesday for 2D Ladybirds** and **Thursday for 2P Butterflies**. As you will have seen in the return to school handbook shared by Mr Cross, children are requested to come in to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. They will stay in their PE kit all day. Jewellery must not be worn and is best removed at home. Children will have two PE sessions on their PE day, one of which will be outside. Please ensure that children are wearing PE clothing that is suitable for outdoor PE.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day. Please send your child with a named water bottle every day as the water fountains are not currently in use. Water bottles should contain plain water, but cartons of juice can be included as part of a packed lunch. Fruit is provided at break time.
- Finally, we are really pleased at how the Year 2 children have settled back into school and their new classes. Thank you for your continued support.