

Dear Parents,

Please find the details of the curriculum areas Year 2 will be focusing upon in the Spring Term below.

Curriculum Area	Details
Literacy	<p>In Literacy this term, the children will be looking at Dragon Stories and Stories from Other Cultures for their narrative work. The children will secure their use of adjectives with their writing and begin to look at using a wider range of conjunctions consistently across pieces of writing.</p> <p>For our non-fiction work, we will look at animal recounts and instructions. These will focus on the skills of sentence types and the use of the past and present tense, including the past progressive.</p> <p>In poetry, we will look at Monster poems.</p>
Maths	<p>We will continue to build upon skills introduced in the Autumn term, including subtraction across tens. The children will continue to develop their multiplication/division skills by developing recall and counting in their times tables to find their answers quickly. The children will also begin to link their division skills to fractions. We will have a stronger focus on solving word problems for all four equations and fractions.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic this term will be 'Ernest Shackleton'. The children will begin by looking at the Polar regions and the differences between them. They will then explore Shackleton's journey to Antarctica in 1914-17. We will investigate travelling in the past, as well as food and polar clothing from this time.</p> <p>This unit will also help to secure the children's knowledge of the location of continents and introduce the five oceans and their locations.</p>
Computing	<p>This term the children will work on their word processing skills. They will begin to learn the basic touch-typing skills and then begin to safely search for and find images to import into a Word document. The children will then also copy and paste text.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, the children will look at coding and write algorithms to animate characters. This will include using loops to repeat movements.</p>
RE	<p>The children will look at Judaism this term and whether going to a Synagogue helps Jewish children feel closer to God. We will compare the faith to Christianity, looking at similarities and differences.</p> <p>We will then look at the Easter story and Christians' beliefs about Easter week.</p>
PSHCE	<p>Continuing from our Health and Wellbeing unit last term, the children will look at 'Safety' this term. The children will learn about road safety before discussing how to use the internet and medicines in a safe way. The children will learn about the difference between secrets and surprises before discussing appropriate contact.</p>

Science	This term our topic will be 'Animals, Including Humans'. We will spend the first half of the term focusing on humans, finding our heart, lungs, skeletons and muscles. We will investigate how exercise and a balanced diet help to keep us healthy, as well as a good hand washing routine. After half term we will focus on animals. We will look at the essential things that they need to survive, as well as grouping animals into mammals, amphibians, reptiles etc.
PE	The children will complete a dance unit this term based on Explorers. They will develop their balance and co-ordination and then link simple movement patterns together. They will also complete some gymnastics work and begin to work with more complex apparatus.
Music	This term Yr2 will be exploring pitch; high, low and in between. We will start off getting our ears working to identify high and low sounds, both in everyday sounds around us and in music, and looking at different pitched musical instruments. We will use familiar songs to further explore pitch, using voices and glockenspiels, and learning to recognise simple musical notation. The term will finish with songs for our Easter church service.

The children bring home daily reading books. The children read daily in Year 2 using a range of formats, but please hear your children read as frequently as possible at home. Even five minutes of reading at home every day helps to build fluency and confidence.

The children can leave their PE kits at school and these will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be happy to discuss these with you- I am outside on the playground before/after school.

Kind regards,

Miss Pickard