

Curriculum for Autumn Term 2018-2019 - Year 2



Classes: 2LC (Mrs Conlon) & 2SK (Miss Kaur)

Subject	Learning	Ways to support your child at home:
Literacy & Reading	In Literacy, we will be working on grammar and punctuation in the first half of term one and we will continue to consolidate grammar and punctuation in each Literacy unit. Children will be planning and writing a range of text types: stories, persuasive letter and instructions. We will also be studying significant authors. Children will begin with annotating texts, creating word banks, role play and drama, and move on to developing sentence structure, planning and editing.	Year 1 Common Exception words and Year 2 Spelling lists will be sent. <u>Grammar and Punctuation homework will be given in the first half of this term.</u> 20 minutes Reading is recommended. Children will be given a Reading Record which can be used to document books read by parents.
Reading	Children will study a fiction from different genres and will develop skills in summarising, questioning, prediction, asking and answering questions. There will be a strong emphasis on developing understanding of vocabulary.	
Maths	Numeracy will focus on reading, writing and speaking numbers correctly. Children will develop their understanding of place value through practical activities and written work. They will develop their estimating skills and ability to round to the nearest 10. Children will learn about partitioning and use this to add or subtract numbers. We will look at paying for items through role play and work out how to give the correct change. The children will also look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and develop their understanding of symmetry.	Mathematics books are sent home every Tuesday.
Science	In Science, we will look at different types of animals and their habitats. We will discuss what makes a 'living thing' and learn about the life cycles of humans and animals.	For information , games and quizzes, please look at http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/
Computing	During this half of term we will be learning how to use the Paint software programme to draw and illustrate our own work. We will also learn how to log on individually and how to save and open our own work.	Work on a power-point together at home on a chosen topic.
R.E Religious Education	Our first unit of work this year is Signs and Symbols. The children will be learning about significant artefacts	Discuss the story or meaning of different symbols and what they represent.

	from different religions and their associated meanings.	
History	A new topic has been introduced this term: Significant People and Events. Through studying the lives of famous historical figures (Florence Nightingale, Mother Teresa, the Wright brothers) and key events in history, children will broaden their knowledge of the wider world and also develop skills at different levels.	Research significant individuals at home. Read information together and encourage your child to ask questions.
P.E Physical Education	Children will be further developing ball skills and dance in P.E sessions. A Sports Coach will be working alongside the class teacher to maximise learning.	Discuss the rules of each game and ensure your child can explain the rules.
P.H.S.C.E Personal Social Health & Citizenship Education	In the first half of term, we will create our own class rules and get to know each other through discussion. We will talk about our feelings and how we are similar and different. The children will develop their awareness of what makes a community and discuss which they belong to. Our workshops will address different themes: bullying, getting along and new beginnings.	Encourage your child to use the Be Me, Be Safe, Be Happy box in school if he/she is experiencing a problem. The box can also be used for positive messages!
Art	An exciting new 'Big Art Project' has been planned for the children. We will be developing a range of skills through different approaches: painting, collage, sketching, pastels etc.	Encourage your child to experiment at home using a 2B or B pencil.
D.T.	Through our 'Teach and Tinker' approach, children will be exploring making models using different equipment and assessing their work before trying a different approach. Children will be encouraged to suggest most suitable materials and evaluate their work.	Please encourage your child to collect unwanted cardboard boxes at home for the project.
Music	In music the children will learn new songs and develop their sense of pitch and rhythm.	Please encourage your child to share and practise their songs at home!
Trips / Events	Possible trips : a visit to the Curve theatre in December 2018.	

Ways to support your child at home.....

Please encourage your child to bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and take home for washing on a Friday.

Please read with your child regularly. Useful questions include "what can you tell me about this character?", "what do you think will happen next?", "how do you think this character is feeling and why do you think that?"

Your child should be encouraged to bring all homework (with their name on) back to school by the deadline specified by their teacher. Please support your child to present their homework to a high standard.

Please note: Literacy and Maths books and Reading Journals will be sent home each week on a Tuesday. Please read and review the books and return them on Wednesday. It is important they are brought back on time so that the children are able to continue to work in their books during lesson time.

Essentially, this is to help parents/carers get a clear view of the work carried out in lessons. It is crucial that parents recognise that the core purpose behind this initiative is to support **discussion**. It will also provide you with the opportunity to review books prior to Parents' Evening.

As the children use these books every day, they **must** be returned to school with your child the following morning. The information in these books is used to help us create a true assessment of your child's progress. If they are not returned then we will be unable to provide accurate information. We would also advise that if the books are lost then books will not be sent home in the future.

Literacy and Numeracy Homework is always sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on Wednesday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Times tables books to be returned	Literacy, Reading Journals and Maths books sent home in a wallet	Literacy, Reading Journals and Maths books to be returned. Literacy and Maths Homework to be returned.		Times tables books sent home. Maths & Literacy Homework sent home.

