



Autumn Term 2023

Parents' Curriculum Information

Phase 2 (Year 2)



English

Our topics this term are 'If you go down to the woods today...' and 'Nurturing Nurses'. During English lessons we will be developing our reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and then using this to write for different purposes. We will have a big focus on spelling and building on their phonics learning from Year 1. In our grammar lessons children will use adjectives, verbs, adverbs, nouns and conjunctions and will be learning about these in topic based sessions. In reading we will be focusing on building fluency and enjoying a range of fiction and non-fiction class texts including the 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the dark'. Please continue to read regularly at home as this is crucial in ensuring good progress in reading!

Maths



In maths, we will be recapping and building on your child's learning from Year 1. We will be developing their number facts and will be encouraging the children to quickly recall facts to 100 including doubling, number bonds, adding 10 etc. In their learning this term we will be having a big focus on place value to understand tens and units and following this they will spend a lot of time developing calculation methods. These skills are all very important to then support children in mastering and applying in other areas of maths for later in the year. Each morning the children will practise their calculations in our 5 a day learning. We hope your children are also keen to practise and show you these skills at home!



Science, History and Geography

Our 'If you go down to the woods today...' topic will involve a lot of Science learning, including habitats and living things. During this topic in geography we will be developing our field and map skills. We will look at the geography of our school grounds and will use maps and compasses to discover the features in this area. Later in the term, we will study important nurses in history and we will find out what made them famous. We will enjoy pretending to be Florence Nightingale and soldiers when we turn the classroom into the Scutari Hospital! We will also think about how life was different in hospitals during this time.

Computing and Online Safety



During our topics this term we will use the laptops for digital literacy. We learn about what computers are and what they need to have for them to work. For our online safety learning, the focus will be 'Self Image and Identity', learning about how avatars can be used as an alternative way of representing yourself in a safe way online and how to ask for help if something scared or worried you in school or at home.



PSHE and RE

This term in RE our focuses will be Judaism and Christianity. We will find out about Jewish beliefs and their celebrations, particularly new year. In Christianity we will be exploring the importance of Jesus at Christmas and what 'saviour' means. As part of our PSHE learning we will be continuing to follow our whole school scheme 'Jigsaw'. This term's themes will be 'Being me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'. Each week we will deliver a PSHE lesson related to these themes using our Jigsaw Friend to help us.

Physical Education



Outside in PE we will be developing our fundamental and ball skills which will involve developing the skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will be throwing, catching, rolling and hitting a target with increasing control and accuracy. Inside, we will be learning team building and dance. We will be learning to work together as a team when we play a range of fun sporting activities and games and to explore space and how our bodies can move to express an idea, mood, character or feeling. Please make sure PE kits are in school all week in case the PE day is changed. Long hair should also be tied up on PE days and ear piercings removed.



Art, Music and Design and Technology

In our Art lessons this term, we will be learning the skills required to make clay sculptures. We will also develop our creative skills in DT where we will be planning and making 3D chairs. In our music lessons, we look forward to developing our singing and improving songs further by adding percussion instruments. In music we will also begin to learn about letter notation.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mrs Bailey or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful autumn term!

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