



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2 – Autumn 2 – 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 2! We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up this half term.

Please note:

- PE day will be **Tuesdays and Thursdays** (alternate weeks) so please ensure you have your full PE kit in on these days including trainers. This half term, PE will be in the hall but please still ensure that your child has appropriate kit for keeping warm.
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. Spelling tests are on a Wednesday. They are also expected to be reading daily; please comment in the reading records regularly so that we can see how they're getting on at home.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In literacy, we are using the story 'Meerkat Mail' to inspire our own letter writing and non-fiction texts. We'll be continuing our daily phonics and spelling sessions as well as guided reading.

In maths, Year 2 will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction before moving on to looking at money, multiplication, and division. We'll be regularly working on our mental maths and times tables skills.

In Jewish Studies, we are learning about the story of Hanukkah and learning about different blessings for natural events. We will also be working on our Hanukkah performance and Hebrew reading.

In art this term, our focus is colour mixing and colours of culture.

Our computing focus is coding using Purple Mash.

In PE, our focus is dance: 'Reach for the Stars'. We will continue to work on our core strength and balance within each lesson.

Our PSHE unit this term will be about feelings and relationships. In RE, we'll be focusing on religious symbols.

Our geography topic is 'Land and Sea'. We will be learning about continents, oceans, rivers, islands and compass directions. We'll also be learning about physical and human features and working on our map skills.

In Science, we are learning about living things and their habitats. We'll be looking at different habitats, including microhabitats and the animals that live there. We'll also be looking at food chains.