

Parkland Infant School – Welcome!

Year

2

Terms 1 and 2 – Autumn 2018

Meet the team:

Blyton Class

Miss Jewell
Mrs Ndubuisi
Mrs Peacock

Morpurgo Class

Miss Vincent
Mrs Sumner

Mr Oakes (French/RE teacher)
Mr Bennett (PE coach)

PE days are:

Monday and Wednesday.
Your child will need a
Parkland PE kit:

- Royal blue t-shirt and plain blue or black shorts (plain blue or black tracksuit bottoms are advisable in winter)
- Plimsolls or trainers
- PE kits are kept at school during the term.

Any queries?

You are very much part of this learning team. Please feel free to come and chat to us after school! 😊

Our learning journey is: Dragons and Dinosaurs



Drinks and snacks

Children are provided with free fruit to eat at break time every day. If they have a favourite piece of fruit, do feel free to send it in with your child. It is also recommended that all children have a separate **water** bottle so they can have access to water during the day while in the classroom. This needs to be separate from their packed lunch boxes as they have no access to them during the day.

Golden Time

This will take place on a Friday afternoon. Children are can bring in a small toy if they wish. **NO TOYS** should be brought into school on any other days of the week.

Labelled school uniform

Please remember to check that your child's school jumper and PE kit is clearly labelled, ideally with a permanent pen so that we can easily find it's owner if it gets mislaid.

Take home tasks

Please remember it is most beneficial to read **EVERY DAY** with your child. **The minimum requirement is to have reading diaries signed 3 times a week.** Reading records will be checked weekly and the number of days that your child has read for will be recorded each week. Each day your child reads will count towards them receiving their 'Reading Diploma' awards! Further information will follow shortly on additional homework tasks to reading.
Many Thanks. 😊

Volunteering in class.

Parents are welcome to come and help. If you do wish to, please see the office as everyone needs a DRB check.

Exciting Events!

At the beginning of Term 2, after half term, we will be focusing on dinosaurs and work of palaeontologists. Year 2 will have a very exciting day discovering fossils. A simple 'explorer' costume can be worn on this day but more details will be given nearer the time!

English

Using a range of exciting and quality texts, Year Two will begin to develop important writing skills including using connectives to join simple sentences e.g. and, but, so, because, when, or if. They will be learning to use a range of punctuation (exclamation marks, question marks and commas) and use ambitious vocabulary in their work.

The children continue to have daily Read, Write Inc sessions for phonics and reading. It is also essential they develop correct letter formation this term in order for them to begin joining later in the year. We will therefore be teaching handwriting on a daily basis.

PSHE and RE

We have been exploring the theme of 'Being Me in my World.' The children will be given time to discuss fears, worries and understand rewards and consequences.

In RE we will be learning about Christianity on the theme of 'What did Jesus teach?'.

Design & Technology and Art

We will be looking at the work of Paul Klee as inspiration for making our own paintings of castles. In DT we will be looking at how different puppets are made before making hand puppets on the theme of knights, princes, princesses and dragons!

Science

We will be learning about different materials and their properties. The children will be completing investigations based on our key text 'Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo' and will begin to understand how to make a test fair.

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Homework

Reading journals (diaries) need to be in school every day and handed in on a Friday to show that your child has read at home **at least three times during the week. A short session every day is even better!** Please remember to keep the reading diaries signed every time your child reads at home. Each day your child reads will count towards them receiving their 'Reading Diploma' awards!

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Maths

We are continuing to use the new 2014 Year 2 maths curriculum and make suitable links to our topic, where relevant. Key skills include:

- Place value- understanding the value of tens and units in 2 digit numbers
- Reading and writing 2- digit numbers correctly (including number words)
- Addition & subtraction
- Knowing number bonds to 10 AND 20
- Counting in 2s, 3, 5s and 10s
- Name and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Measuring length in centimetres

Geography & History

We will be learning about castles in History. In Geography we will be using maps and atlases to find places with famous castles and learning name the countries and capitals cities in the UK.

PE

PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday with a PE specialist supporting us for this session. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate kit in school.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to being about how to stay safe using ICT. We will be learning to use coding to make objects move and perform actions using algorithms.

Music

We will be following a scheme of work from our Charanga music Curriculum. This term we will be learning about the pulse and structure to different pieces of music. We will also be learning new songs in singing 😊