

Literacy

Using a range of exciting and quality texts as a stimuli, Year 2 will continue to develop important writing skills using connectives (and, but, so, because, when, or if), a range of punctuation (exclamation marks, question marks, commas and apostrophes) and using interesting vocabulary with adjectives and adverbs in their work.

The children are aware that their writing must be consistently written in the correct tense. Please encourage your child to speak correctly when using the past tense e.g. "I fell" not "I failed"

All pupils will continue to take part in daily phonics and reading sessions in small groups. Some sessions will continue to focus on the Read, Write Inc scheme while other pupils will be developing their comprehension skills while reading short chapter books.

Spelling continues to be a huge focus on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to practise the spellings sent home on the handwriting sheet each week.

PSHE and RE

We will be learning about the importance of perseverance and achieving goals.

In RE we will be learning about Islam and prayer. We will be asking how does praying regularly affect a Muslim's daily life?

Music

Our music lessons will follow the Charanga scheme of work. We will be learning about the language of music and looking at composition.

Science

We will be learning about animals and their offspring and finding out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).

Later in the term the children will also be observing seeds and bulbs grow.

Year 2 Terms 3 & 4 **Incredible Inventions**



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!

The Year 2 spellings for the following week will be sent home for children to practise on a handwriting sheet each Friday. A key skills activity for maths is on the back of this sheet and MyMaths tasks are set weekly, should your child wish to complete them.

Maths

Most of our maths will sit outside of our learning journey - although, we will try to add a context or a 'real life' scenario. We are continuing to use the new 2014 Year 2 maths curriculum and make suitable links to our topic, where relevant. Key skills include:

- Counting in 2s, 3, 5s and 10s
- Multiplication & division (2,3, 5 &10 times tables)
- Using equipment to understand place value (tens and units)
- Addition & subtraction of 2 digit numbers
- Knowing number bonds to10 and 20
- Reading and writing numbers correctly (including number words)
- Name and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Measuring mass

Geography & History

We will be learning about the Great Fire of London and the incredible inventions that we use today to put out fires.

In Geography we will using compasses to give directions to navigate around maps. We will use grid references to read maps of London.

PE

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

Computing

This term we will begin using the new computing suite in the Parkland Junior School to learn about e-safety.

Design & Technology and Art

We will be looking at the structure of wheels and vehicles culminating in us making our own versions of a fire engine. In Art, we will be learning about famous printing artists and looking at different methods of printing. Then we will be creating our own repeated prints using printing tiles.