



Guide to the Curriculum in Class 2

Autumn 1 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phonics We will focus on phonics daily within class to assist with the children's reading and writing skills.

Reading Please encourage your child to read regularly to you and discuss their books with them at home. Please update their reading record each time you read or discuss their book with them. Children should read four times at home each week so please ensure reading records are updated and in their book bags daily.

Handwriting This term we will focus on improving our handwriting within class and homework will be issued to reinforce this skill.

Homework Children are expected to read at home. Additional activities will be issued throughout the term. We will also be continuing with our extended homework and details will follow shortly.

PE Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. Please ensure they have blue shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls. PE will take place on Thursday this term. Children will also swim on a Friday Morning and will therefore need their swimming kit in school weekly.

Belongings Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

Book Bags Please ensure book bags are in school daily containing their reading books and reading records. As it is difficult to store the bags please use book bags rather than rucksacks and I would be grateful if you didn't add lots of keyrings / toys onto the bags. One special keyring to make it easier to spot the bag would be the best but a maximum of 3 depending on the size.

Show and Tell This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and rather than Toys we would like children to bring in or talk about topics we are covering in school or share something they have created or share with us any successes outside of school.

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer holidays, these seem to get quicker each year! I am looking forward to teaching Class 2 this year and I hope the children are looking forward to the year too.

During numeracy lessons this half term children will have opportunities to: estimate and count objects; double numbers; compare and order numbers; find 10 more or less; write number-names; recognize and name shapes; identify lines of symmetry and sort shapes using Venn and Carroll diagrams.

During Literacy lessons children will read daily through a variety of genres. They will have opportunities to read books using Bug Club, enabling them to answer questions about the books they have read. We will also be investigating stories from familiar settings during our fiction unit, during non fiction we will look at labels, lists, signs and posters and we will investigate amusing poems by Michael Rosen. During the term we will also complete specific tasks relating to spelling, grammar and punctuation and spend time improving handwriting.

This term we will be focusing on multi skills and swimming during our PE lessons and I will place a rota on the door and would be grateful for parental support (helpers must be DBS checked) to ensure swimming can take place each week. Science lessons will be based around parts of animals. RE will focus on special places in nature through different religions. PSHE will focus on healthy lifestyles. During Geography lessons the children will look at the countries making up the United Kingdom and for history we will be focusing on Florence Nightingale.

Reading Records have been issued to the children and they should have shared these with you. Please record reading and any messages you have and we will review these daily. Please make sure you record when your child has finished their book so that we can arrange for these to be changed at school.

Children can continue to use bug club at school and at home. I will also add grammar and maths games to provide a range of opportunities for them. If your child can not remember their login details please let me know.

The Teaching Assistants within Class 2 will be Miss Pearson, Mrs Rugg and Mrs O'Donnell. We look forward to working with you and the children over the coming year and hopefully we will be able to meet you at the stay and share sessions. In the meantime please feel free to contact me if you require any assistance or have any concerns.

Mrs Wallace