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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and I hope that you have all had a fabulous break. This is our new format for our curriculum letter which is designed to inform you about what your child will be learning about during the Autumn Term.

This term our topic is:
The Natural World

We will be learning about different types of plants that grow around the world. We will also be learning about what conditions a plant needs to grow as well as learning about different pieces of artwork surrounding the natural world. If any of the parents/adults are knowledgeable or work within the natural world, or indeed any subject we happen to be learning about this year, please DO come in and inform Mr. Gordon. We are always looking for visitors to come in and help bring the learning to life.

Please ensure your child has a school book bag, so that they can bring their reading book and reading diary to school each day. They will also have a peg for their coat and PE kit. As space in the cloakroom is limited, we would be grateful if P.E. kits could be kept in a small drawstring bag which fits onto the peg. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day but please can I remind you that we only allow water rather than squash or flavoured water.

PE Kits:

P.E. activities may be indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, so children need an indoor kit (black shorts and a plain white T-shirt) and an outdoors kit (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/tracksuit) as well as pumps or trainers.

P.E. kits are kept in school until the end of half term, as P.E. times may vary throughout the year. For health and safety, children who wear earrings should have these removed on P.E. days, if they are not removed your child will be unable to take part in the P.E. lesson (teachers are not permitted to remove or tape up earrings).

P.E. days are as follows: Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure that ALL your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Children often misplace items and it is very difficult to find them if they are not labelled.

Homework

For homework, we ask that the children read for at least 10 minutes every night, and talk about the books they are reading as this will support enjoyment, fluency and understanding. There will be a piece of English and Maths homework set every Friday and collected by the teacher the following Wednesday.

As part of our transition programme this year, I would like to invite you to come in to our new **“Meet the Teacher” on Tuesday 13th September**. This is an informal meeting where I would like to meet you, provide you with a bit of information about the future term and also provide you with a chance to ask me a few questions about Year 2. Please don't worry if you have a child in another class, this is very much a drop in session so I anticipate that you may just want to pop in for a brief period of time.

Year 2 will also be starting their forest school sessions next Friday (16.9.16). So please ensure your child is prepared with suitable clothing. Children can come to school in their forest school clothing but a spare change of clean clothing is also recommended. Again, if any parents wish to volunteer their help during the forest school sessions please let Mr. Gordon know!

May I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I very much look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gordon
Year 2 class teacher

Design and Technology
(next term)


P.E

- Games; sending and receiving.
- Gym; travelling, balancing and making shapes.
- Playground games.




Science

Plants and living organisms



Computing


- We are photographers, Talking, selecting and editing digital images
- Typing and basic computer skills: saving and retrieving work.
- Internet safety.
- Multimedia.



History
(next term)


English

- Poetry
- BFG dream jar instructions
- Stories with familiar settings
- Cross curricular writing
- Information texts about the topic.

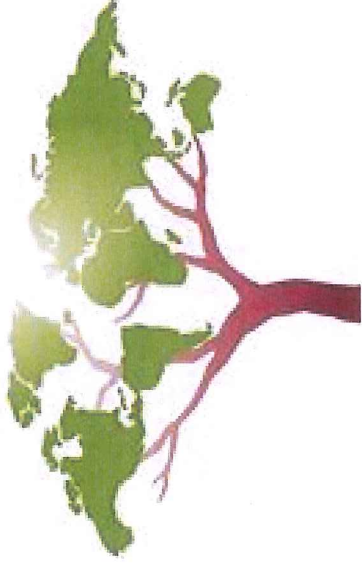


Geography

- Plants from around the world
- The United Kingdom, Countries, Capitals and Seas




The natural world Year 2




Maths: Year 1

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape




P.S.H.C.E

- Making choices
- Class/school rules
- Weekly circle time




Art

- Mother Nature art work and collages based around Andy Goldsworthy artwork.



R.E.

- Caring for the natural world and places of worship.



MUSIC

- Listening and appraising
- Music games
- Percussion/ glockenspiel
- Improvisation and Performance

