

## Curriculum Information for Parents and Carers in Year 2 – Autumn 2017



Dear Parent/Carers,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum this term:

Subject and Content	Ways you can help
<p><b>English</b></p> <p><u>Reading</u> – Children will continue to develop their knowledge of sounds in Read Write Inc sessions to help them to word-build and read with increasing fluency.</p> <p><u>Writing</u>- The children will be looking at Traditional Tales and stories with familiar settings. This will include writing in sentences which have capital letters and full stops, adding description and using a range of joining words (e.g. because) to link their ideas together.</p> <p><u>Handwriting</u>- The children will be working on developing their cursive (from the line) handwriting so that it is evenly sized, oriented and neat. Once children are consistently forming letters correctly, we will begin to teach them how to join letters.</p> <p><u>Grammar</u>- Children will begin to become familiar with a range of grammatical terms and will build on knowledge of how to use punctuation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure your child reads every night! Discuss the book with your child and ask them questions about the plot and characters.</li> <li>• Assist your child in learning their spellings and any sound work sent home each week.</li> <li>• Read Bug Club books</li> </ul> <p>Helpful websites:  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/</a>  <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40">http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40</a>  <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/</a></p> <p>Lots of free e-books available on the site above too.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In maths we will be concentrating on various aspects of the number system and how they link to everyday life.            This will include;            -Reading and writing numbers to at least 100            -Recognizing the place value in each digit in a 2 digit number (tens and ones)            -Solving problems involving counting            -Counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 as well as learning the 2 and 10 times tables.            - Adding and subtracting single digit numbers with increasing fluency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practise times tables given each week</li> <li>• Complete any maths homework sent home</li> <li>• Look for opportunities to explore maths links in everyday life (counting coins and paying in the shops etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Websites: <a href="http://www.nnparenttoolkit.org.uk/advice-about-school-and-maths/">http://www.nnparenttoolkit.org.uk/advice-about-school-and-maths/</a> - Information for parents about helping children with maths, including how to improve your own maths skills.  <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&amp;AgeGroup=2">http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&amp;AgeGroup=2</a></p>
<p><b>Topic</b></p> <p>This term the Year 2 topic will be Space. During this topic, the children will learn a range of scientific and historical skills. As historical detectives, over the course of the rest of this term children will use their skills as investigators to answer key questions about space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do we know what is in space?</li> <li>○ Are other planets the same as ours?</li> <li>○ What was the space race?</li> <li>○ Why did people travel to the Moon?</li> <li>○ When did humans begin to explore space?</li> <li>○ How can humans survive in space?</li> <li>○ How can a rocket fly?</li> </ul> <p>Children will explore events examining evidence, searching for clues and recreating events using various dramatic techniques before presenting their findings in the form of recounts and fact files.</p>	
<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>In RE this term we will be looking at the Christian celebration of Harvest Festival and make links with the Christian belief in God as the creator of the world.</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Children will build their observation, coordination and aiming skills. They will do this through a range of throwing and catching games.</p>

We hope this letter will help you support your child’s learning. Please feel free to talk to the Class Teacher about any area of this curriculum. **Thank you for your support**