

## Year 2 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview.

12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Summer Holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2 and I look forward to seeing you around school over the next few weeks.

This term our topic is 'I'm an explorer' which will be mainly Geography and Science based. We will be looking at maps of the World, identifying continents, the differences in weather and how people live. We will also look at the animals from different regions with a particular focus on African animals to start with.

As you are probably already aware I really enjoy doing art in school and feel it is important for the children to work with a variety of mediums. It would be appreciated if you could send in an old t-shirt or top for your child to use as an art shirt that they can keep on their peg.

Year 2 will be having PE on Tuesdays and Wednesday this half-term so please could children come to school in their PE kits on these days.

### Curriculum coverage.

#### Maths

-Mental Maths

Times tables - 2x, 5x and 10x.

Counting up and down in steps of 2, 3, 5, 10.

-Number work.

- Place value. (Tens and ones.)
- Addition and subtraction.
- Multiplication and division.
- Measures - money.

-Statistics.

Collect, record and represent data. Answer and ask questions about data.

#### SKILLS

-Choose and use maths equipment independently to aid work in class.



#### Literacy

- Phonics and Spelling Strategies.

- Punctuation

Use;

- full stops consistently.
- capital letters consistently.
- question marks.
- exclamation marks.
- commas.

- Sentence structure.

Use;

- conjunctions. (and, because)
- a variety of sentence openers.
- use interesting adjectives and adverbs.

Begin to write in sections/ paragraphs.

-Text level;

- Stories from other cultures.
- Non-chronological reports.
- Stories about animals.

Science.

- Living things and their habitats.
- Food chains

- Life Cycles.
- Humans - Staying healthy. (Diet, exercise)

Geography.

- Human and physical features.
- Continents/Countries.
- Label photographs and diagrams using geographical vocabulary.
- Make inferences and predictions from looking at data and charts. (Weather)
- Map work.
- To know where we live in the World.
- Name & locate cities in the UK.
- Locate England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales on a map.
- Identify continents and major oceans/seas.

Art/DT

- Making Models/ sculptures. (From clay and other materials)
- Sketching.
- Collage.
- Using Chalks, Pastels, Paints for different effects.
- Cross stitch.
- Food - Prepare healthy snacks.
  - To know where food comes from.
- SKILLS - Colour mixing paint and choosing suitable materials.

History.

- Time lines.
- Placing events in order.
- Chronological understanding

Use the terms; before, after, past, present, then and now. (Use words and phrases to describe the past.)

PE.

- Gymnastics.
- Games - Basketball.

RE.

Study a variety of religions festivals.

PSHE

- All about me.
- Bullying.
- Feelings.
- Targets.

Homework.

Reading - Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week and I would really appreciate it if you could make sure your child's reading book is in school every day. Books will be changed once every 2 weeks on a particular day which is in their home journals.

Spelling - New spellings will be set every week. These will come home in their home journals on a Friday and they will be tested on a Thursday.

Maths - Children need to practise their number Zumba objectives for the week which will be sent home on the Friday and tested the following Thursday. (Number Zumba will be launched in a few weeks.)

If you have any questions please feel free to leave a message with the office and I will get back to you or via email [year2@harden.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:year2@harden.bradford.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,

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