



Friday 11th January 2019

Year 2 Spring Term Curriculum Overview

Dear Parent,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year. This term we are continuing with our topic 'I'm an explorer'. We will be looking at differences in weather, how people live, dress and travel with a focus on the Arctic and Antarctic. We will look at the Polar animals and focus on how they live in the extreme weather conditions, what they eat and how their habitat is being threatened. After half term we will begin to look at a variety of explorers both past and present.

If you haven't already, please can you send the art shirts back into school as I have planned a variety of messy activities over the next few weeks. This could be an old t-shirt or top for your child to use that they can keep on their peg.

Year 2 will be having PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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
- Doubling and halving
- Fractions

-Geometry - 2D and 3D shapes

- Position and direction

-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.

-Life Cycles.

- Materials

Carry out investigations, observations and fair tests.

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

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

- 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)

RE.

Study a variety of religions festivals.

PE.

-Bench ball

-Games.

PSHE

- Facial expression and body language

- Friendships/ relationships

- Respect

- Taking turns

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 week on a particular day.

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

Maths - Children need to use the TT Rock Stars app to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Diary Dates.

Wednesday 6th February - Year 2 Parent Event 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

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.

Kind Regards

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