



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your continued support during our first term particularly with our production and class parties. We look forward to an exciting new half term and New Year.

Below you will find some specific information about what the year 2 curriculum will cover during the first half term of 2015.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

ENGLISH

We will primarily be learning about information texts. This will largely be taught through our theme on 'Oceans'. Children will learn about the features of information texts, how to find specific information and compare texts on the same subject. They will also do their own research and create information texts, books, posters etc. This half term also includes work on fantasy stories in which children will create their own fantasy world and a story with a defined beginning, middle and ending.

MATHEMATICS

The areas we will cover in Maths include, partitioning of numbers up to 4 digits, accurate counting and place value and number sequences including missing numbers. Children will also be taught to understand addition and subtraction as being opposites of each other and how this can help us to solve word problems. We will then work on more doubling and halving and Venn and Carroll diagrams. The latter part of the half term will focus on fractions of an amount of objects and fractions of numbers, there will also be revision of 2-D and 3-D shape and co-ordinates.

THEME

Our Theme this term is Oceans. There is an emphasis on using information texts and other research techniques; this will complement our work in English.

Science: The areas covered will include, the different layers of the ocean and the plants and animals found there. We will investigate ocean plants and coral reefs and study ocean food chains.

History: A study of ships through time, their purpose and importance throughout history. This will include a local study and we will consider the environmental effect of shipping.



Geography: This will include identifying, labeling and captioning maps. We will study how people affect the ocean environment globally and locally.

Design and Technology: We will make sea displays and decorations for the classroom and create salt paintings and sea collage.

MANDARIN

In Year 2, children will be introduced to the following skills through various activities. Beginner pupils will learn more about their family members and try to combine this with previous learning to introduce their family. They will also learn about Chinese New Year, create art work and sing Chinese songs to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Intermediate pupils will talk about a range of topics in Mandarin, for example food, colours, animals and family members. They will be encouraged to participate in different Mandarin learning games and feel more confident to use Mandarin in daily life.

Advanced pupils will be learning more Chinese words and expressions. An increasing focus will be their accurate pronunciation and how to express their ideas confidently in Chinese. Students will also learn how to comprehend a long passage. They will get to know more about Chinese culture through Chinese Spring Festival and other interesting activities.

MUSIC

This term, students will create a seascape, exploring the elements of music such as rhythm, timbre, texture and dynamics. They will explore their voices to create effects and sing songs about the sea.

DRAMA

Pupils will continue their "Oceans" topic in their drama lessons where they will be exploring some popular myths, legends and stories about the sea and developing their own creative performances inspired by these.

ART

In preparation for the forthcoming Chinese New Year celebrations, pupils will be designing and creating a variety of art pieces relating to The Year of the Goat, 2015. Pupils will have the opportunity to further develop their media handling and design skills as they compete in the Sodexo design competition. This project will enable pupils to enhance their understanding of Chinese traditions and culture.

PE

Individual work will focus on close control in rugby, football, netball, basketball and hockey. Co-operative games will be developed to practice and progress sending and receiving skills. Simple tactics for attacking and defending will be introduced. Evasion techniques will be covered.



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