

Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2nd Half 2018



We hope you had a restful break and welcome back to Spring 2 ... the year is flying by already!

We continue in February to build on our excellent progress from Autumn and keep our New Year Resolutions to Aspire, Persevere and Achieve our best.

This half term Year 2 are delving below the canopy to explore the Rainforest, as our new topic. Learning about these amazing habitats and their importance.

At home, can you research and study the topic to learn new facts to share in class ?

At home in Maths, can you practice times tables 2s , 3s , 5s and 10s ? Practice telling the time , using watches and clocks. Use real money in the shops!

Achieving Success

PSHE

PSHE continues our philosophical and ethical focus. New Year always begins with resolutions about how we would like to change and improve ourselves and our environment. What are our personal goals for 2018 ? How would we like to be better or different this year ? Children will explore these questions, developing a positive sense of themselves and others, as well as the reasons behind our actions. Students will engage in mindfulness sessions to further develop self-awareness and support resilience.

Mathematics

In Year 2 Mathematics Mastery continues with fractions. Practice at home by 'halving' food , divide into quarters or thirds too. We are also going to recap , review and go into greater depth with addition and subtraction between 2-digit numbers , Money and properties and pattern with shape. At home, please help to support by practising telling the time regularly, using real money at the shops, and looking for 2D and 3D shapes in the environment. Addition and Subtraction involving regrouping (going across tens for example $80 - 45$) is important in Year 2 , please regularly practice working out equations together at home. Maths Meetings teach calendar maths through music and chants. We will also engage with all these topics in streamed Arithmetic groups and Topic Maths to support and stretch students understanding.

Physical Education

In P.E we will be working on hand-eye coordination and throwing / catching skills. This will be incorporated into games with an emphasis on team work, fair play and sportsmanship. Children will be building up their strength and stamina with warm up workouts, learning about how these exercises keep us healthy and fit.

Other Useful Information Every Friday pupils take part in Salsa lessons! Salsa has been a real hit with the children so far, their dancing is fantastic! For both classes, P.E will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. **Children will need to come into school already in the correct Atwood P.E kit on Wednesdays only.** Due to Salsa on Friday, if students wish to come in PE kit, this is fine. When after school clubs begin, students wear uniform and bring any required change of clothes for after school.

Our strength as a school community and a Key Stage rests in great home / school communication so any issues as they arise or questions, let Miss Joyce or Mr Townsend know. Mr Townsend is always available in person and via email as Key Stage lead. We are looking forward a great start to 2018 ! New Year, New opportunities.

Literacy

For the Spring 2 our topic will be 'The Rainforest' . Our end goal is to create an information pamphlet detailing the how we can save the rainforests for future generations. We will review writing instructions, research animals and habitats while also applying creative writing to setting descriptions.

Spelling and Grammar is taught through Comprehension and Phonics, it is our goal now to have all Year 2 students in Comprehension. Please keep up regular reading at home to support speed and fluency, as well as expression when reading. Ask questions and discuss texts when you have read them – think about the meaning of words, character's intentions or feelings, your own opinions on motivations and actions.

Handwriting is a key focus and our Pen Licences will be given out to those using their joins!

Topic

Topic will be linked to the Rainforest. We will use our research skills to read sources and study fact files. We will learn about not only the animals but the people who call the rainforest their home and how this is affected in the modern world. On Thursdays our Geography slot, will continue to explore world cultures and compare with where we live to build knowledge about the world. This is a great opportunity to share our different experiences and knowledge, students are welcome to bring in items to share and talk

Music and Art

Music includes our Ark Music curriculum supported by Mr Palekar, where we learn songs and rhythm. Weekly singing assemblies bring the Key Stage together to learn. Art is developing drawing skills such as proportion and representation, to give students the tools to represent their ideas. Design and Technology provides time to build projects.

Aspiration & Achievement – Scholarship – Perseverance – Integrity – Respect & Responsibility – Enthusiasm