

### Important Information

#### CAT Day

Year 2 CAT Day is held on a Wednesday, once a fortnight. The children will take part in a drama, art and environmental education session, therefore all children should wear clothes suitable for creative activities and outdoor learning and ones which allow the children to move easily.

#### P.E

Year 2 P.E. lessons will take place every Tuesday. The children will need to bring a P.E. kit to school containing a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. We ask that your child brings their PE kit to school at the beginning of term and it is left in school until the next half term.

#### Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their reading books and reading record. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office.

#### Homework

In Year 2 we expect the children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book and, where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- If your child has been given sight words, they should practise reading these every day. You will find these at the back of their reading records.
- Practise recognising, counting and writing numbers fluently up to 100
- Learn their spellings ready for their spelling test on Fridays

Your child will be given mathematics homework each week, this will be set by the class teacher and will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. The children will also have a comprehension piece of work to complete each week, which will be in the form of a physical book. The homework will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class that week and is designed to consolidate learning as well as extend and challenge the children further. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

We view homework as a positive opportunity to practise key knowledge and skills that are necessary for good progress. Whilst your child will not be reprimanded for not returning their homework, they will be verbally praised and acknowledged for attempting it and we value any feedback regarding their attempt as we will use those questions that are causing difficulties as teaching points in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty completing their homework.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the KS1 Phase Leader Ms Chandrarajah or Ms Cook the Assistant Head Teacher for Lower School.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Year 2 Curriculum Overview



# Summer Term 2023

## English

All children in Year 2 take part in daily English lessons alongside 30 minute Read Write Inc. sessions. This term, the children will be writing a journey tale using the text Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. They will also be writing an explanation text on the importance of staying healthy, as well as reading and writing poetry. The children will be taught to use the following skills in their writing:

- \*adjectives to describe the weather
- \*similes
- \*expanded noun phrases
- \*subordination
- \*alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia

Children will have opportunities to add description to their sentences and make adventurous, yet accurate, vocabulary choices. They will also look at different sentence types and will explore a range of punctuation including apostrophes for both possession and contraction. Children will continue to answer questions about their reading book but additionally will now be encouraged to ask sensible questions about the book they are reading and make predictions based on the text.

## Mathematics

This term, we will continue to use the Maths-No Problem! Programme as well as revisit calculations. Children will continue to learn written methods for both addition and subtraction (please see your child's online learning and homework resources for examples of the methods). The children will also learn to multiply, divide, measure compare and solve problems involving length and mass. They will also begin to look at reading and estimating temperatures.

## Science

The science topic this term will be all about plants, children will learn the process of how plants grow from seeds and the scientific vocabulary for each stage. They will also describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

## History / Geography

This term your child will be learning all about the UK and Kenya. Children will be comparing the geography of the two countries and thinking about the physical and human features of both countries. They will also be learning about the Maasai culture.

**PSHE** – Children will be learning about families, friends and relationships. They will also be thinking carefully about trust and appreciation.

**Music** – Children will be listening to music from different parts of Africa, learning some African drumming patterns and making a class performance on untuned percussion instruments.

**Computing** – Children will be learning all about blogging. They will also be learning to create projects, add characters, and how to use the programming blocks to animate characters on screen.

**PE** – This term children will be working on a variety of ways to score runs in the different hit, catch, run games and work in teams to field, begin to play the role of wicket keeper or backstop, send a ball using feet and receive a ball using feet, refine ways to control bodies and a range of equipment.

**RE** – Children will be learning about how special foods and fasting help people with their faith and about where different faiths believe the world came from and how we should look after it.