

### 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 piece of English homework to complete each week. 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 Assistant Head Teacher, Ms Chandrarajah or Ms Cook, the Head of Lower School.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Year 2 Curriculum Overview



## Autumn Term 2023

## English

Your child will take part in daily English and Read, Write Inc. (RWI) lessons, alongside Thinking Through Texts. This term, the children will be focusing on the texts: 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray and Garry Parsons, a Rosa Parks biography and a life-cycle of a frog.

The key skills and objectives that will be covered are:

- retelling the story
- discussing which parts of the story they liked and disliked
- asking questions about what they have read
- sequencing parts of a story
- sequencing sentences to form a short narrative
- using appropriate adjectives for description

### Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Encourage your child to say a sentence aloud before writing it down to ensure they do not miss any words out. Does their sentence begin with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark?
- Encourage your child to write down the new things they have learnt. Have they used a capital letter for proper nouns (the name of places and people)?
- Ask your child to create a story map of their English texts to help them retell the story to you.

## Mathematics

This term, in mathematics we will be learning about place value as well as revisiting calculations. Children will continue to learn written methods for both addition and subtraction (please see your child's online learning and homework for examples of the methods). The children will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes, where they will build on their previous knowledge by identifying the properties of the shapes including: the number of faces, vertices and any lines of symmetry on a shape.

## Science

In science this term, the children will be learning about 'Living things and their Habitats'. They will be:

- identifying life processes
- matching living things with their habitats
- describing how animals get energy to live through food chains

## History / Geography

This term's topic will be focused around 'Wonder Women'. In these lessons the children will be learning about Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole. They will research the lives of these two individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. They will explain why someone in the past acted in the way they did and what is meant by a democracy and why it is a good thing.

**PSHE** - Children will be learning about 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences.'

**Music** - Children will be playing a chant or rhythm and learning names for note durations, they will also be singing a protest song and composing their own words. Children will also be learning about instrument families.

**Computing** - The children will be learning how to stay safe online.

**PE** - The children will be working on their ball skills through playing team games. They will be developing their fielding skills and will work on how to manipulate the ball in different ways. After half term, the children will be exploring actions and shapes by learning gymnastic skills. They will also be practising and putting together a sequence of movements using different body parts.

**RE** - Across the year, the children in Year 2 will be thinking about the question, 'Can stories change people?' This term, they will be looking at why different books are special for different people and learn about the holy books belonging to a range of faiths. They will also learn about why people celebrate festivals.