

**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

**YEAR 2**

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find below the units that your child will be learning this term.

**English**

* **Narrative** – Looking at stories in a familiar setting and stories from around the world
* **Non Fiction** – Instructions and Explanation texts
* Revision of Phonics from Year 1
* **Punctuation** - Full stops and capital letters for punctuating sentences, question marks and exclamation marks.
* **Grammar -**  nouns, pronouns, verbs, imperative verbs, prepositions, conjunctions

**Maths**

* Read, write, and order 2 digit numbers and extend sequences.
* Mentally add and subtract 1 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers. Estimate and use rounding. Know numbers facts to 10 and 20
* Recognize odd and even numbers.
* Count in 2s 5s and 10s, forwards and backwards
* Halving and doubling of numbers and shapes.
* Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication or division in contexts of numbers, measures or pounds and pence.
* To be able to use a number square and number line to count forwards and backwards

**Science**

**Animals and humans**

* Grouping foods/ How to keep healthy/ The need for sleep and exercise/ How to keep clean/ How we change and grow/ Lifecycles

**Use of Everyday Materials**

* Grouping materials/ Natural and man-made materials /Attributes and characteristics of materials/ What happens when we heat or cool different materials?

**Arabic Studies**

**Basic Arabic Conversation & Numbers (11-20):** This term pupil will learn how to initiate a dialogue by practicing basic conversational phrases. These phrases will include greetings, personal introductions and questions of courtesy. During the second half of the term, pupils will build on the Arabic numbers 0 – 10 covered in year 1 by continuing the sequence up to 20.

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural**

* An ability to make responsible and reasoned judgements on moral dilemmas such as racism in Reading and Topic lessons.
* An awareness and understanding of their own and others’ beliefs when reflecting on the Islamic view on cleanliness and how it is Allah swt who causes us to grow.
* A sense of empathy with others, concern and compassion when learning about the challenges facing famous explorers like Neil Armstrong

**PE**

Sports covered this term will be:

**Hand ball / Netball**

The pupils will be working on different ways in which to improve their overall Agility, Balance and Co-ordination skills throughout each sport.

The pupils will start to have an understanding of how each element is important to be successful when playing, participating in a game.

The pupils will also be learning the importance of living a healthy life style, looking at key elements in their diet such as: Sugar /Salt / Oil. The understanding of how important it is to raise their heart rate.

**RE**

Key Beliefs: The children will learn about one’s identity and what it means to be a Muslim. They will understand how equality is an important aspect of religion. They will be able to identify the landmarks of Umrah.

**Additional Information**

All children should have the school PE kit as this is part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. PE kits need to be brought in on Monday and remain in school on their peg for the week. The children will get changed at school and **MUST** come in full school uniform every day.

We will be having a parent’s workshop on **Thursday 21st September** to talk about how to help your child achieve their full potential in year 2 and the expectations. Letters will be sent explaining it more in detail nearer the time.

**Homework-**

Homework will be given out on a Friday for it to be completed by the following **Tuesday**. Please encourage your child to set time every day to complete the homework as if it is left to do the night before, as it can be overwhelming for your child to complete in one go. Also please continue to support your child with their spellings, reading and times tables. This is really important to set the expectations early on, so children are ready for their tests in the Summer term.

We hope you find this information useful and that you are able to use it to support your child’s learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 2 team,

Mrs Ikram (Assistant Head, Year Leader) Ms. Gulamnabi Miss. Marsh

