**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

**YEAR 2**

**Spring Term 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

**English**

**Writing**

* **Stories from the same author** – The children will be studying a variety of narratives by Julia Donaldson, in particular The Gruffalo and Stickman

**Non-Chronological reports** –

Pupils will have the opportunity to research and write about nocturnal animals in this country

**Poetry**

* Children will read a variety of poetry texts a look at the language used. They will also write and perform their own poem

**Punctuation -** Full stops and capital letters for punctuating sentences, question marks and exclamation marks. The use of speech marks

**Grammar** - Possessive and contraction apostrophes, similes and adjectives.

**Maths**

**Number and the Number System**

* Fractions as parts of a whole including ½,1/4, 1/3, ¾ of amounts and shapes.

**Measures**

* Reading scales in measures including length, capacity, weight and temperature
* Time - understanding time to minutes past and minutes to the hour

**Data handling**

* Graphs, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and pictograms

**Shapes**

* Understanding 2D / 3D shapes and their properties
* Position and direction

**Arabic**

**Days of the Week & Months of the Year**

Year 2 will begin the Spring term consolidating the Arabic numbers 0 – 20 as well as continuing to build on their ability to count by learning the numbers up to 100. Reviewing the numbers will also be of assistance in learning the new topic for this term, the days of the week, as the days are constructed from the Arabic numbers. The children will be taught how to make sentences saying “Today is”, “Tomorrow is” and “Yesterday was” followed by a day of the week. The next step will be to go through the months of the year which will commence after the half term. Pupils will be asked to make sentences using the words “Before” and “After” in between any two months.

**Science**

**Living things and their habitats**

* The difference between Living and Non-living Things
* The seven life processes
* Habitats in the local environment and the wider world
* Food chains
* Trip to London zoo to research how animals have adapted to their environments

**PE**

**Basketball + Tag Rugby**

The pupils we be working on different ways in which to improve their overall Agility, Balance and Co-ordination skills throughout each sport. The pupils will have an understanding of how each element is important to be successful when playing, participating in a game. The children 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**

**Religious Stories:** We will be learning more about the early life of the prophet Muhammad PBUH. We will explore the different lessons we learn from the past which helps us to be model Muslims.

**Additional Information**

All children should have the school PE kit as part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. PE kits are to be worn only on PE days.

**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, it can be overwhelming for your child to complete in one go. Also please continue to support your child with their spellings, **daily reading and times tables.**

**Parent Workshop**

We will be holding a parent workshop on **Wednesday 31st January 2018** where we will be discussing how you can help your child prepare for their KS1 SATs. It is important that you attend so you have an idea of how to help your children at home and the different test papers they will be sitting. A letter will go out next week with more details.

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 Ms. Marsh