



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 2 Curriculum Information Letter**

We are delighted to welcome all of our Year 2 pupils back to school and to our fantastic new building! All of the children have settled back into our daily routines very quickly and are working hard. We are very proud of how they have coped with all of the changes and look forward to seeing them achieve great things this year.

This term we will be setting children homework linked to their learning in Maths and English every Friday which should be completed by the following Friday. This will be set through google classroom which they can access using the same username and password as they had in Year 1. Pupils will also be set spellings to learn each week which will be tested on a Friday – please help your child to practise these every day.

Children will have the opportunity to take home a reading book every Friday. They can borrow a book from the book corner which is their free choice and within the next couple of weeks they will also be given a levelled home reader (until they exceed level 22). Please read with your child every day.

Finally, both classes will have PE lessons on a Tuesday and a Friday. Most of these will be taking place outside so please make sure they bring an appropriate PE kit for example as the weather gets cooler they will need leggings or tracksuit bottoms rather than shorts.

Staff in Year Two this year are Ms West (Jasmine Class) and Ms Cross (Rose Class).

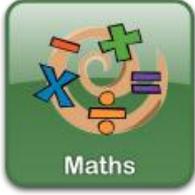
Below is an outline of the learning that will take place this term with a brief description of the curriculum as well as information regarding reading and homework.

### **The recovery curriculum**

We know that everyone in the Earlham community will each have had unique experiences of, and responses to, the events of 2020 and the global pandemic. Due to this, we have begun the year focusing on the children's emotional wellbeing in order to support them fully with their reintegration and to help them to connect with each other and re-engage with school life.

For the past few weeks we have followed a 'Recovery Curriculum' and all the classes have been working through the lovely picture book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have taken part in a number of activities which have been designed to help them to prepare for the exciting and important year ahead of them.

Please read the information below to find out what your child will be learning this term and how you can support them at home.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents and carers
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>We will be learning to read, write and count (forwards and backwards) the numbers to 100 and their place value.</p> <p>We will be studying mental and written methods for all 4 operations.</p>	<p>Practise counting to and back from 20, 50 and 100.</p> <p>Practise number bonds (addition and subtraction) to 10, 20, 50 and 100.</p>
<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>We will be learning stories orally, retelling them and writing our own versions.</p> <p>We will be practising use of the past tense and the use of conjunctions and ambitious adjectives.</p>	<p>Listen to your child read every day.</p> <p>Read to or share stories with your child regularly – this could be in your home language.</p> <p>Help your child to practise their weekly spellings every evening.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>Our Science unit is called: animals including humans. We will be learning about how we can keep healthy through diet, exercise and good hygiene. We will also learn about the things all animals need to stay alive.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about healthy food choices and encourage them to take regular daily exercise.</p> <p>Talk about some of the common animals and plants that you might see in the park or your garden.</p>
<p><b>Geography and History</b></p> 	<p>In Geography we will be studying The UK. We will be learning about the 4 countries of The UK; their capital cities; the surrounding seas and some of their human and physical geographical features.</p> <p>We will also be reviewing the names and locations of the continents and oceans.</p>	<p>Practise singing the continents song and the oceans song at home with your child.</p> <p>Look at maps of the world and of Europe and locate where we live.</p>
<p><b>Art / DT</b></p> 	<p>In Art we will be focussing on colour mixing and landscape/seascape paintings.</p> <p>In DT we will be focussing on cooking.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to cook with you at home – read the recipe together; help them to measure the ingredients and discuss the different utensils and processes used.</p>

<p><b>Computing</b></p> 	<p>We will be focussing on how to stay safe online.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about the websites that they use and how to stay safe online: 'zip it, block it, flag it.'</p>
<p><b>R.E.</b></p> 	<p>We will be talking about our own beliefs and some of the beliefs of the major religions including Judaism.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to learn about the beliefs of others and that these should be respected.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p>We will be talking about the special people in our lives and how to form and maintain positive relationships.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about how to be a good friend and ways to show that your care about someone.</p>
<p><b>Music</b></p> 	<p>We will be listening to Beethoven's Symphony number 5 and discussing our response to it.</p> <p>We will be focussing on the musical element duration within this and other pieces.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to listen to music from a variety of genres and discuss their response to it.</p>
<p><b>P.E</b></p> 	<p>We will be focussing on athletic skills including jumping and running for speed and endurance.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to take part in regular daily exercise.</p>

### Home learning

This term, homework will be set online via Google Classroom and our other online platforms. **Homework is an important part of school life** and an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate work that they have been doing during the week. We appreciate your support in helping your child to continue learning at home.

On Friday your child will be set learning activities that are linked to work that they have done during the week. It will give you an idea of what they have been learning in class and provide you with an opportunity to talk to them about the curriculum that is being taught.

The homework should be completed by the following Friday. Please discuss this work with your child and help them complete it to the best of THEIR ability.

## **Reading**

**Individual reading books** will be changed once a week (**the day may vary**).

Please keep this book and your child's book bag **all the time** and read it as often as you can. The children will also be able to bring home a book from the class book corner and will change this regularly. Once books have been returned to school they will be quarantined for a period of 72 hours. Please read to and with your child as often as possible as they make the best progress when they read on a daily basis.

## **PE**

The children will be learning outdoors as much as possible over the next few weeks so please ensure that they come to school prepared. Please also remember to label all items of clothing, including PE kits. Rest assured, we have age appropriate arrangements for the children when they change for PE lessons.

Children will be using their PE kits every week and it is therefore essential that they have a full PE kit in school at all times. **As it becomes colder, please make sure your child has a tracksuit or warm jumper for outdoor P.E.** This can be a plain black tracksuit. The children will bring home their P.E. kit to be washed at half term. It is vital that your child does not wear jewellery to school; earrings should be studs only.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

This year we aim to improve our overall attendance figures. It is important that your child is in school every day and that they arrive on time. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the day or contact the school office if you are going to be unavoidably late.

## **Assemblies**

Achievement and celebration Assemblies: Wednesday

## **School rules**

- Show respect and good manners at all times
- Follow instructions with thought and care
- Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself and be the best you can be

## School Uniform

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>PE Kit</b>
Black Skirt or Trousers	Black Trousers	White t-shirt
White Polo Shirt/Shirt	White Polo Shirt/Shirt	Black Shorts
*Red	*Red Sweatshirt/Fleece	Tracksuit for winter games
Sweatshirt/Cardigan/Fleece	Completely Black Shoes	Black Plimsolls
Completely Black Shoes		PE Bag
Black tights (no leggings)		Swimming Kit including a swimming hat (Year 5 Only)
Black, red or white hairbands		

Should you have any questions or if you would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

We very much look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms West and Ms Cross