

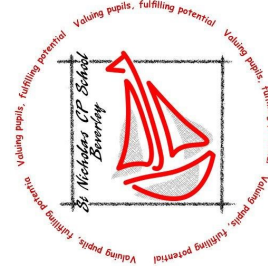
# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

## English

In English we will be continuing with our Talk for Writing program. We will begin the term exploring the traditional tale of 'Jack and the beanstalk' and innovating to create our own unique versions. Following this we will be developing our letter writing skills. After half term we will be working with 'The Elves and the shoemaker' which will link nicely into the Christmas period. We will also be starting a new handwriting and spelling scheme which will be a main focus throughout the year.

## Reading

From September KS1 are beginning a new phonics program called Little Wandle. These will be daily lessons in the first term for Year 2. We will also have reading lessons 3 times per week. These books will then be brought home to read for children to read to parents/carers. Each week the children will visit the school library and will choose a book to take home. Children will have daily story time to encourage a love of reading.



We hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about the areas that our year children will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs N Wood  
Yr2 Teacher



## Home Learning

Every Friday children will bring home a list of 10 spellings to practice and they will then be tested on those words the following Friday. These words will be linked to our phonics and Year 2 common exception words (tricky words).

Numbots and TTR can be accessed from home and children are encouraged to do this to develop their arithmetic skills.

## Maths

In maths we will be continuing to follow the Power Maths scheme.

In the first term we will be focusing on counting to 100, place value and other aspects of number.

The children will be given the opportunity to access numbots to help support mental maths.

We will also be introducing an additional 10 mins a day 'mastering number' lesson to help secure learning of number and improve fluency.



## Religious Education

This term the unit for RE is 'Belonging'. This will explore our daily routines, special groups and special books. We will be making comparisons with the Hindu faith. We will also be looking at breaking promises and forgiveness.

## PE

We will be having Tigers Trust coaches on Mondays for our outdoor PE session.

On Tuesdays we have indoor PE with Commando Joe to focus on our team building skills and resilience.

PE kit can be left in school for the week or until half term so its not forgotten. Joggers and a jumper should be included for the colder weather when outdoors.

## Science



This term we will be exploring everyday materials and testing some of their properties. We will also be investigating our senses and carrying out some simple experiments and recording data.

We will be observing the changing seasons throughout the year so will be going on an autumnal walk around the school environment.

## Music

In Music we will be exploring the beat and rhythm of music. The children will have lots of fun singing, improvising and composing their own rhythms. They will use a range of percussion instruments and experiment with volume and pitch.

## French



KS1 follow a French scheme called Little Languages. This is a scheme that the children learn the language through hands on activities such as role play, singing and story telling.

## History

We will be learning about the lives of two significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Our focus individuals are Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children will be finding out about how Florence Nightingale helped soldiers in the Crimean War, explore the ways in which she changed nursing conditions as a result and become the Lady of the Lamp. They will then find out about the life of Mary Seacole and how she also helped soldiers during the war. Finally the children will compare these two nurses and explore the impact both had on the nursing profession.

## PHSE

For PSHE we will be following the Year 2 Jigsaw scheme.

Our first topic this term will be 'Being me in my world'. This focuses on the children's hopes and fear and learning about rewards and consequences.

Following on from this topic we will be looking at "Celebrating differences" which explores the topic of bullying and diversity.

## Computing

The children will be thinking about the good uses of information technology (IT) in our everyday lives. They will be learning how to use a laptop and starting to develop their keyboard skills, using a mouse and a keypad.

The children will then begin to explore how devices can capture, edit and improve photographs.

The underling theme throughout our computing lessons will be staying safe online.