

Year 2 Palm Class
Autumn Term
2019

Parents/carers:

I am looking forward to a fantastic year with the children and yourselves. With a strong partnership I have no doubt they will all make amazing progress, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about how you can best support your child at home. Best wishes, Miss Mantell

English

This term we will be writing stories putting our own ideas into traditional tales. We will also be writing non-fiction texts including explanation texts, recounts and instructions. In our poetry unit we will be focussing on rhyme and layout. This term we will continue to work on our handwriting and improve our spellings.

Maths

Our focus will be on place value and using number facts to solve problems. We will be reading and writing numerals to 100, ordering and comparing numbers using symbols ($>$, $<$, $=$) and recognising the value of tens and ones. We will also be working on estimating and counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2,3,5 and 10 from a given number to help us solve problems.

Reading

We will be working on our fluency and understanding this term. An adult will hear them read at least once a week in school and they will also have guided reading sessions daily focusing on VIPERS. The children are encouraged to change their book as often as needed.

Science

This term we will be looking at health and growth. This will include looking animal lifecycles, including humans. We will also be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy, including healthy eating, exercise and medicine.

P.E.

Our P.E. days will be Wednesday and Friday.
(Please make sure the P.E. kits are in school ready for their lessons)

Topic

Our topic this year is 'The circle of life'. We will be looking at famous people from the past and how they have changed our way of life today with a focus on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Homework

Each Friday Year 2 children will receive Maths skills homework and spellings. Homework is due back on Wednesday and the spelling test will also be on this day. Children should also be using Bug Club and Mathletics to support their learning.

Helping at home

'The brain is a muscle which gets stronger with practise'. Any work you are able to do at home goes a long way in helping the children gain confidence. To help your child with their reading listen to them every day and ask them questions about what they have read, help them practise their spellings and help them with their number fluency and times tables.

Music

This term we will develop our ability to recognise the difference between beat and rhythm.

ICT

This term Year 2 are learning how to stay safe when using the internet. We will also learn how to collect and present data in different ways.

R.E.

This term we are learning about sacred writings and festivals.

PSHE

'Being Me in My World' encourages children to celebrate differences and discuss what makes our bodies special and how we can keep safe and healthy.