

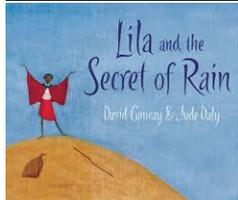
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to Year Two! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the new school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

Key date: Parent Information Meetings **Thursday 26th September** at 3:10pm or 3:30pm
I look forward to seeing you there!

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book 'Lila and the secret of the Rain' by David Conway. We will focus on using the book to explore language and we will be writing both character and landscape descriptions. Our end of unit outcome will be a diary entry written as the main characters of the story. We will also be producing a non-chronological report looking at features of the country featured in the story, 'Kenya'.

In our morning reading sessions, we will continue to build our reading comprehension skills and be able to answer questions about texts. We will continue practising our retelling skills and be able to make predictions and inferences from our reading.



Mathematicians

In this term we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value. We will continue to practise our writing numbers correctly to

100 in number and words, recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones) and compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100. We will also use $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs, as well as use place value and number facts to solve problems. In addition, we will count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward.

Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about matter and the properties of matter. For example, we will learn about the names and common examples of three states of matter: solid (for example, wood, rocks), liquid (for example, water) and gas (for example, steam). We will also learn what an atom is.



Geographers

This term we will learn about locational knowledge of the world. We will know the world's seven continents (Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Oceania, Antarctica) and know the world's five oceans (Indian, Pacific, Atlantic, Southern, Antarctic). We will look at doing a contrasting study of the local area of the South West of England and Kenya in Africa.



For this term, children in Year 2 will be doing Zumba, an aerobic fitness programme. The children will have PE every Wednesday so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kit needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and a pair of trainers.

Please help us by writing your child's name in every item of clothing (uniform and PE kit) and encouraging them to dress themselves at home.



Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week and it is very important that they are supported to learn these. Please spend 10 minutes, 3 times per week practising with them at home.



Homework

Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 10-15 minutes per day makes a big difference! We will be checking yellow reading records weekly.

They will also be set Mathematics activities for them to access online at mathletics.com. I will explain this further at the Parent Information Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Riley