

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Term 4 2019/20

We hope you all had a great half term. This term is another busy one with lots of amazing learning opportunities.

Key dates:

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March.

Parent Meetings – Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March

Readers and Writers

This term, we will study the book 'Egg Box Dragon' by Alex T Smith

We will focus on using the book to explore language and we will be writing character descriptions, writing letters and making invitations. The end of unit outcome will be an innovated story. The children will create a character who will go on an adventure.

Following on from this we will be looking at non fiction texts about the Victorians and what they have done for us. From this we will be doing some writing for purpose and audience.

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



Mathematicians

In this term we will continue to learn about Fractions. Fractions of shapes and fractions of amount. Will be learning about $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ and thirds. We will also learn what are equivalent fractions. We will also be solving problems involving multiplication and division and fractions, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. This term we will also learn about measure. We will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure: Length/height in any direction (m/cm); Mass (kg/g); Temperature (°C); Capacity (litres/ml) To the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels.

History

This term the children will be historians. We will be looking at the Victorian Age.

As historians we look back in time and study books and artefacts as sources of information about the past. By researching the past, we can learn about the Victorians and how they lived and what impact they had on our lives today. For example, we will be looking at Victorian childhood, Victorian schools and the jobs children did.



For this term, children in Year 2 will have professional coaches from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching dance.

The children will have PE every Thursday 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. Spelling Test will be on a Thursday each week.



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.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Riley