



Year 2 Curriculum

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Autumn term in Year 2. We are excited for the term ahead and have lots of great learning opportunities for the children.

History

This term we will be focusing on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. This will intertwine with all of the other areas of learning, such as health and hygiene. We will have the opportunity to have an experience day where we will have a nurse visit us in class.



Writing

Our main focus in writing will be on the children further developing their handwriting and punctuation skills as well as using adjectives to improve the quality of their writing. We will do this through a variety of text types such as narratives, instructions and character profiles. Supporting your child with their handwriting at home would further their development of this, ensuring letters are correctly formed and the sizing is consistent. We will send home handwriting practice linked to our vocabulary focus words.



Reading

We read daily to the children as part of our reading pledge. This is to enthuse the love of reading amongst the children. The book we are starting with in Sea Lion class is 'Mr Stink' and in Dolphin class we are exploring the 'A dog called Claude' series by Alex T Smith. We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week to support the development of reading. We recommend that picture books are read twice. The first read through develops phonics skills and understanding. The second read through

develops confidence and comprehension. As well as reading the words, it is important that you talk about what has been read together to check for understanding. We also have daily phonics and reading practice sessions to develop the children's reading skills. Across the school we promote reading in all lessons.

Maths

In maths, this term we will focus on Place Value, deepening our understanding of numbers to 100. We will then build on our number knowledge, focusing on addition and subtraction, and later 2D and 3D shapes. We will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, helping the children to recall them quickly. Please support your child by helping them to learn their times tables at home, starting with the 2's. We will also do weekly, timed Big Maths papers that help the children to recall number facts.

Science

In Science we will be learning all about diet and health. Children will learn how to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle, primarily through a balanced diet, exercise and taking care of their bodies. Children will have the opportunities to build skills related to being able to monitor our health as well as opportunities to investigate how to measure liquid and temperature.

PE

PE is on Tuesday afternoons. The children are asked to come into school in their PE kit on this day.

Spelling and Vocabulary

We are continuing to use a new approach to Spelling and vocabulary. A set of 15 words will be our daily focus over 2 weeks. We learn about spelling rules and use our phonics to help us break words into sounds.

Art

Friday afternoons will be dedicated to Art to allow the children time to relax. This term some of our art focus will be on the artist Georges Seurat who used techniques such as pointillism (small dots that become blended in the viewer's eye).

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher. We will be keeping windows and doors open to allow for good ventilation. If your child's ears are pierced, please ensure that they are wearing stud earrings as per the school uniform policy, NOT hoops. Additionally, please can we remind you that bracelets and necklaces are not part of the school uniform.



Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Wednesday and be expected back the following Monday. Each week, as part of their homework, children will be expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and practice their times tables at least 3 times a week.

Contact

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, please use Class Dojo or email:

year2@leightonprimary.net In the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733

232949. To access your child's class dojo, you will have been sent an invitation to your personal email. Please click the link and follow the instructions to set up your account.

Dates for your diary - More details about these events will follow via emails and letters.

- 21st September - Year 2 Sport's Day
- 8th November - Year 2 Parent story cafe
- w/b 14th November - Anti-bullying Week
- 6th December - The Snowman theatre visit
 - 11th November - Cinema
 - Theme day TBC