

Education, Morality, Imaan

Welcome to the first Year Two curriculum newsletter. Year Two is the final year of Key Stage One. Work previously covered in Year One is extended upon and consolidated and the children are encouraged and supported to work independently for sustained periods of time.

Towards the end of the year, the children will take the SATs in English and Maths. Children are assessed throughout the year, both formally and informally.

English-In English we will be studying stories with familiar settings, traditional stories, poetry and working on making our writing interesting and exciting. We will also continue focusing on forming letters and checking that words are spelt correctly and using our knowledge of phonics to help.

Included in homework bags are lists of the first 100 and the next 200 high frequency words which by the end of Year 2 children will need to be able to read and write. These lists are for you to keep and will be helpful if you wish to assist and encourage your child to learn. Please continue to encourage your child to read for a short time every day to help improve both fluency and understanding and indicate you have done so by signing in the log sheet daily. We also advise you to help and encourage children to learn their spellings.

Maths- During this term we will learning about place value, addition and subtraction, money and measures, fractions, telling the time, doubling and halving, shape and data. We will be continuing to develop mental maths strategies including counting on and back in 1's, 2's,5's and 10's, recalling doubles and halves and number facts to 20. It would be helpful if you could play board games involving numbers / counting and provide opportunities for your child to handle money in 'real' situations and support them in telling the time.

Science- Our first topic this term is 'Living in Habitats' and we will learn to: explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive and making close observations ; identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other; identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats; describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

In the second half of the term we will be learning about 'Growing Plants' wherein we will: identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats; observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants; find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy; plan, carry out and evaluate an investigation into the conditions that affect germination.

History- Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be researching facts about the fire, understanding how it started, why it spread so quickly and how things changed after the fire. We will also be exploring the diaries of Samuel Pepys and trying to imagine what it must have been like to be there.

Geography-In Geography children will discover physical and human features of the island of Alderney. We will investigate links within and between the island and areas of our very own locality.

ICT-We will be developing our keyboard skills this term and will be working on a specific project, 'Creating Pictures' wherein technical vocabulary, key words and phrases will also be learnt.

Art- children will be studying the unit 'investigating materials'. Children will investigate the qualities of a variety of natural and man-made materials. They will learn skills for weaving and gain sensory experience of materials and an understanding of colour and texture. They will learn about how textiles are used in their own and others' lives.

Arabic-In Arabic this term we will be learning our numbers from one to thirty. We will also be developing our vocabulary, learning new and interesting nouns.

Islamic Studies-This term children will be learning the seven basic beliefs of Muslims. **Please help your child memorise Imaane Mufassal and discuss the importance of these aqaaid at home.**

P.E-The children will play circle games and learn different skills such as catching and throwing through team work and individual play. **Please ensure P.E kits and pumps are labelled.**

Taleem -In Taleem children will be learning Kalimahs, Duaas and Ahaadeeth.

Citizenship- we will be learning about 'How rules and laws affect us'.