

Planning and Assessment Time

Every Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Conway will work out of the classroom; this is their P.P.A time. During this time the children will be taught P.E by a specialist coach where they will develop their rugby skills through lots of enjoyable activities. Mrs Gaulton will also be delivering lessons from our creative curriculum.

Useful Websites

- www.topmarks.co.uk
- www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.mymaths.co.uk
- www.ictgames.co.uk

Dates for the diary

May

Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May
Friday 26th May

May Day - school closed
KS1 SATs begin
Gateshead Go Run For Fun

Half Term - Monday 29th May -Friday 2nd June

June

Monday 5th June

Staff Professional Development Day
School Closed

Monday 19th June
Thursday 29th June

Reception and KS1 Sports Day
Year 2 Visit to Hartlepool Marina

July

Thursday 20th July

Last day of term

Curriculum Overview



Year 2



SUMMER TERM



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year Two Team.



English Overview



English

Reading - Our main focus continues to be on comprehension - does your child understand what they are reading and can they answer questions about the text? Can they explain what they liked and disliked about a text?

Writing - The children will continue to write for different purposes, incorporating a variety of genres – letters, poems, instructions, persuasive adverts and stories. There will also be an emphasis on handwriting to ensure letters are the correct size and proportion and to develop their joined handwriting.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - The children will continue to develop using accurate punctuation independently, including exclamation marks, question marks, commas and begin to use apostrophes. We will also encourage them to use developing phonic knowledge when spelling unfamiliar words - use your Fred Fingers! They will learn about different word classes – nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs and proper nouns.



Maths Overview



Maths - In Maths the children will continue to use and develop their mathematical skills throughout the curriculum in fun and exciting ways.

Arithmetic - This remains a big focus for us in Year 2. We will be teaching a range of strategies to add and subtract mentally and we will also practise recalling facts from the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, doubles/halves, odd and even numbers and place value.

Calculation - We will be developing calculation strategies, identifying the most efficient method, involving all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There is an emphasis on applying these skills to a range of everyday problems and reasoning about number. Aspects of geometry (2D & 3D shapes), measures (mass, length, time and capacity plus statistics will also be consolidated.



Topic Overview



We are all v e r y excited about our new topic this term - Pirates! We will be providing your children with a range of fun and stimulating activities to develop their skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Knowledge and Understanding of the world

Our science this term will focus closely on plants, including looking at suitable conditions for growth. We will be developing our geography skills by looking at maps to locate capital cities in the UK as well as using co-ordinates to locate landmarks. We will also look at historical timelines with a focus on how ships have developed since the 18th Century.

Creative Development

Your child will be using a range of resources and materials to design and create a pirate ship and we will test their suitability for sailing in our environmental area. We will also be learning sea shanties and adding some jolly moves to perform them as pirates would!

Physical Development

During PE lessons the children will be introduced to a range of athletics activities including running, jumping and throwing. We will focus on team games ready for sports day and learn skills and tactics in invasion games. The children will continue to have

Supporting your child at home



Thank you for your support with creative homework, spelling and reading last term. This is invaluable to your child's progress and thoroughly appreciated by all staff. This term is very important and any additional support you can give your child will aid their overall development and enable them to achieve their potential in the SATs.

The following suggestions may be useful;

- Practise new spellings regularly throughout the week
- Ensure regular reading practice (3-4 times a week)
- Practise mental maths skills through games e.g. Top Marks, My Maths and recapping on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Practice telling the time and using money in real life contexts.

Your child will be assessed based on all of the work they do, however, they will be doing some SATs papers to support our judgements. We do this in a way that your child is familiar and comfortable with and they often really enjoy the 'quiz' style that we give

Special Requests



- Please ensure that your child has a full outdoor PE kit: outdoor shoes, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt to be brought to school and remain in school until the end of the half term, as well as the usual indoor kit. Please label with child's name. Also check that plimsolls are still the correct size.
- We have an increasing number of unclaimed uniform items, please label all items of uniform so they can be easily returned to children.
- Please ensure that your child's reading record is signed at least once a week. Reading books will be changed at least once a week.
- With the warmer weather coming, please ensure your child has a water bottle and a sun hat which can stay in school. Sun cream must be applied before school on appropriate days.
- Please continue to support your child with creative homework and ensure that books/work is handed in on the progress check dates.
- Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a quiz on the following Wednesday - please ensure that these spelling books are in school on these days.

Educational Visits



Ahoy there me hearties! As part of our 'Pirate' topic we will travel back in time to Hartlepool's Maritime Experience where we will find out what it was *really* like on an 18th Century ship! We will explore the quay and take over the play ship in search of treasure and new lands!