

How can you help your child?

With their learning...

- Talk with your child about their school work, topics and the world around them.
- Hear your child read **daily**.
- Use Spelling Shed to help your child learn their spellings.
- Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- Ensure your child uses Mathletics, Numbots, TTRS & Spelling Shed at home on a tablet or computer on a regular basis.
 - Please check your child's planner daily.
 - Sign the planner every week (at the bottom of the page) so that we know homework has been completed and that all communication between home and school has been shared.
 - Please help your child learn their times tables, using TT Rockstars where possible. You can find the times tables and TT Rockstars log ins in their planners.

With practical issues...

- Ensure that your child has the correct P.E. Kit in school every day.
- Children should wear a tie with winter uniform.
- Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and / or stud earrings) for school.
- Don't forget that if your child wishes to have their ears pierced, the best time is the beginning of the summer holidays as it is
- Dudley policy that children cannot wear any kind of earrings during PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- Please ensure that all uniform is marked with the child's name.

A reminder...

We simply do not have the room for large bags in our cloak rooms. All children are given a Blanford Mere Book Bag when they start school. Can we remind parents that we have asked that children should only bring these bags into school please? Thank you for your co-operation.

English

Our topic will inspire our writing styles to include: *narratives, instructions, traditional fairytales and alternative endings.*

Reading: Children are now starting to practice their reading comprehension assessments, which will prepare them for KS2. Children will have a text sent home (either a Little Wandle book or a Reading Paper), that will be able to be accessible at home either online or as a paper version. Login details can be found in your child's planner. Children will then be able to choose a book to read for pleasure from our library. This can be changed weekly. We would encourage you to share these books with your child to encourage them to gain confidence in reading.

It is very important that your child's planner is kept safely and returned to school each day. Could you please comment and sign your child's planner weekly. Don't forget to use Spelling Shed to practise weekly spellings.

PE

In Year 2 our P.E. days are **Mondays** for 2TD and **Thursdays** for 2BH. However, be aware we may need to change the days or add additional sessions.

Please return full P.E kits to school in the first week back.

Music

In our Music lessons, we will be learning to play the recorder. We will also listen to and appraise music from different countries.

Computing

In Computing this term, the children will be looking at '*internet safety*' and learning how to input data into computer programs such as Microsoft Word. Throughout the term we will also be using the search engine 'Swiggle' to help support our research into explorers.

Maths

This term we will be looking at: *money, multiplication and division, and fractions*

Please remember there are also weekly tasks set on Mathletics and TT Rockstars.

The children **must** know their 2-, 5- and 10-times table **fluently** by the end of term, including the corresponding division facts.

Please ensure you practise these daily with your child to enhance their chances of accessing more of the KSI mathematics papers.

RE

This term in RE, we will be looking at how people have different connections to God. Next half term, we will be focusing on what a profit is.

The 2025 Dudley syllabus requires children in KSI to learn about the 7 main religious communities what serve Dudley including Humanism.

Art

As we visit different countries, the children will have the opportunity to explore some famous artists including Nerys Levy. The children will have the opportunity to replicate and work in their style. They will also look at traditional Mexican and Australian aboriginal art and have the chance to re-create art work in these styles.

Geography

The focus of our geography lessons this term is to continue looking at the United Kingdom, whilst also learning about the places our explorers visited. The children will learn about the oceans and seas surrounding the United Kingdom. They will also create their own maps, similar to those used by the explorers we are studying.

History

During our trip around the world, we will explore some historical explorers, and their voyages, explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will look at the period of history that they explored in and where their explorative adventures led them. After half term, we will be looking at the famous Titanic. We will study the journey it took, the infamous iceberg collision and investigating who was to blame for such a catastrophic history making event

Science

The children will be learning about '*Animals, Including Humans*'.

During this topic, the children will learn that is means for animals to reproduce offspring, how mammals carry offspring in their womb while reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds lay either eggs or spawn. After half term, we describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

PSHE

The children will be looking at the theme '*Living in the wider world*'. We look at communities we are part of, including school, clubs, the area we live in and friendship groups. We then look at sensible ways to use money, including wants and needs and how to budget.

For your attention:

As you are aware, children who did not meet the expected standard in the phonics screening check will be required to re-take the check in June. Please encourage your child to use their phonics when segmenting and blending real and alien words. Thank you.

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

World Explorers

This curriculum newsletter explains what topics and skills your child will have the opportunity to learn in each curriculum subject. We will be looking at a range of historical explorers, from Christopher Columbus to Neil Armstrong. We will focus upon their achievements and the attributes that made them successful.

Miss Hughes, Miss Davies, Mrs Barlow and Miss Lewis

D&T

We will be focusing on a textiles project. We will be making a pouch that will be suitable to use in the Antarctic.

The children will looking at and strengthening their sewing skills with foci on various stitches to create their own pouch.