

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 regularly and help them to learn spellings strategies.
- ✓ Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- ✓ Encourage them to use Mathletics at home on a tablet or computer.
- ✓ Play TT Rockstars to improve speed and accuracy of times tables.
- 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.

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.
- ✓ Summer Uniform can be worn, if preferred.
- ✓ 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 P.E 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. Please only bring appropriate sized book bags to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

English

Our topic will inspire our writing styles to include adventure stories, poems and songs, information texts, fact files and recounts.

It is very important that school planners are kept safely and returned to school each day as this provides evidence at the end of the year of your child's progress in reading.

Could we please remind you to comment on your child's reading at home and sign the planner weekly?

Computing

In Computing this term the children will be looking at 'Digital Literacy'. They will ask and answer questions using websites. They will also look at digital media. The children will use photographs taken during their time in Year 2 to create their own photo gallery.

PSHE

The children will be looking at the themes of 'families and friendships', 'growing and changing' and 'keeping safe'. They will also continue to learn about their rights', exploring some of the articles contained in the convention booklet. There will also be a continued focus on the children's mental well-being.

RE

Our religious education this term will focus on Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will learn about the main beliefs, worship and stories from these faiths.

D&T

The children will have the opportunity to explore the diet of pirates in the past. They will also design, make and test their own 3D maps to link with our Art Work.

Art

The children will explore collage through creating their own 3D treasure maps, following on from our Geography work. This will include a range of joining techniques, evaluating ideas and developing them further throughout the project.

Music

The children will learn to play the recorder throughout this half term, developing the skills they have already established to play more musically. They will also be improvising to a song, and then composing their own pieces of music.

Science

The children will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. They will be encouraged to find out more about animals and plants and how they are adapted to their habitats.

History

During this term we will look at the history of our local area through old maps, comparing them to current maps; both paper and electronic versions.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER Magnificent Maps!

On our first day back after the Easter holidays, we dressed as pirates and followed treasure maps to introduce our Magnificent Maps topic.

The children will be focusing upon map and field work throughout this topic, specifically of our local area. We will have the opportunity to create and follow our own maps of St George VI Park, and of our school from a bird's eye perspective.

This curriculum newsletter explains what activities your child may have the opportunity to learn in each curriculum subject. The ideas may be subject to change as the children's learning develops.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Barclay and Mr Wade

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on key aspects from the National Curriculum.

We will be focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be linking these operations to the following topics: 2D and 3D shapes, fractions and measurements including time.

Mathletics will be set weekly. Please support your child when necessary. Please encourage your child to go on TTRockstars and Numbots to help them recall number facts.

Geography

The focus of our geography lessons this term is to learn about the seven seas of the world and locate them on a map. They will also learn about the local area through mapping. Field work and map work will form the majority of our topic.

PE

P.E. days are Mondays (2W) and Thursdays (2B). This term our topics are athletics and games.

Please check that your child has pumps that fit them as we are hoping to do a lot of our P.E outdoors this term. Also ensure that long hair is tied back and that no jewellery is worn on these days.