



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn Term 2023

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. The first term of the school year is always a busy one and we are looking forward to it with great excitement.

English

This half term, we are focusing our writing based on the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. The children will be reading and writing about the text and re-telling the story in their own words. They will be revisiting their Year 1 learning, using capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences.



The children will continue to access the daily Read Write Inc. programme in groups. In order to keep developing our reading skills and love of reading, it is really important to **read at home** regularly. The children each have a reading record, which they will keep in their book bags to record which book they are reading and how many pages they have read. Feel free to make any notes in here about your child's reading.

This year, the children will continue learning spelling patterns, homophones, suffixes and prefixes. We will start by sending five of the Year 1 common exception words home each week. The children will choose three of them to use in their written sentences. Spellings will be tested every **Monday** and the new list will be sent home the same day. Please ensure that their **spelling books** are in their book bags every **Monday**.

Mathematics

This term, the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and measurement. They have already started the work on place value by counting in tens and comparing numbers (ordering from greatest to smallest, etc.). At home, you can encourage your child to practice these skills by looking at numbers in real life: number plates, house numbers, prices in the shop, etc.



There are specific times tables which the children learn in Year 2. Once they have been introduced in class and the children have practiced ways to learn them, I will send copies home too.

Science

Animals including Humans- The children will find out about the offspring of a variety of different animals and about the different ways in which animals reproduce. They will explore how humans grow as they get older. They will find out what animals, including humans, need to survive. They will find out how to eat a healthy, balanced diet and why exercise is important to keep their bodies healthy.

PE



PE will take place on a **Tuesday** with our sports coach, Mr. Cox and on a **Wednesday** with either Miss O'Donoghue (2OD) or Mrs. Ollivier (2C)

Computing



Computing systems & Networks- The children will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is. They will identify devices that are computers and consider how IT can help them both at school and beyond. The children will learn about the common uses of information technology in a context that they are familiar with.

History



The children will learn all about Florence Nightingale. They will find out who Florence Nightingale was and when she lived. They will find out why Florence Nightingale went to Scutari and what hospital conditions were like when she got there. They will find out how Florence Nightingale improved the conditions at the Scutari hospital and about Florence Nightingale's later life. They will identify similarities and differences between medical care now and in Victorian times.



PSHE

Being me in my World – The children will identify some of my hopes and fears that they have for this year and learn how to recognise when they feel worried and know who to ask for help. They will find out about and understand their rights and responsibilities for being a member of their class and school. They will learn how to listen to other people and contribute their own ideas about their understanding about rewards and consequences. They will work as a class to help to make their class a safe and fair place. They will learn to understand and recognise that the choices that they make can sometimes have consequences.



Art

Composition & Tone – This half term the children will learn about the artist Caravaggio and the use of light and shade in his work. They will learn to use a range of pencil gradients and make accurate representations of real objects and scenes that they have carefully observed. They will create some tonal drawings and learn some subject specific terminology, such as: **tonal range, highlight, shadow, depth**. They will learn how to use sketchbooks to record observations, review and revisit ideas and evaluate their artwork.



Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire the children with their weekly music lessons on World Music this term. 2C Music is on Mondays and 2OD Music is on Thursdays.



Homework

This year, homework should include fifteen minutes of reading and practicing the weekly spellings each evening and eventually learning the 10x, 5x and 2x tables in Maths.

We hope this gives you an insight into the life and learning in year 2. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or email. u.odonoghue@samares.sch.je h.critchton@samares.sch.je

Kind regards,

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