

Curriculum Update –Year 2 – 11th September 2020

Hello everyone! We hope that that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to a great year with all of you and as always, if you have any questions or queries please do call school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Theme

Our first theme of the year is titled 'We're going on a Bug Hunt.' The children decided they would like to explore the great outdoors and in particular, mini-beasts. We have already gone in search of all types of mini-beasts and found many in the exploration garden. This last week the children have been using magnifying glasses and identifying sheets to discover many different species in our school environment. We will continue to research mini-beasts and compile factsheets about a range of them. Although sadly we cannot at present have visitors in or visit away from the school, we can still explore our Forest school site and areas around the school. Therefore, we hope to be great mini-beast detectives throughout the term.

Maths

In Maths the children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths progression which we use in school and which has been included on your curriculum updates during the last few months for home learning. We start the term with practising counting and learning about place value in numbers.

There are some good games online that reinforce and support learning in this area. Please look at these games on Topmarks maths which is free and easy to access online:

Place Value Basketball – find your level of challenge.

Chopper Squad – choose one more/one less within 100. If this is tricky, lower the number limit.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Reading

We are going to be sending two or three books home each week for the children to practise reading. We shall send them on a Monday. Please **keep these books at home all week** and return them on the following Monday. We shall assume that they have been read with you! We can then put these books into 'quarantine' for the rest of the week until they are safe to be reused by others. The children will have a different book in their tray for practise at school. We shall keep reading diaries at school for now.

We shall also send home the Common Exception Words on a sheet for you to practise reading. These are tricky words that don't sound out that the children just have to learn to read. These sheets can be kept at home for ongoing, regular practise.

Useful Websites

www.topmarks.com

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.phonicsbloom.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.sumdog.co.uk

www.educationcity.co.uk

www.spellingshed.co.uk

www.primaryresources.co.uk

www.ictgames.com

Your Spelling Shed log in works on
Education City and Sumdog too!

Values this month
Care and
Awareness

Routines and Timetables

As you will be aware on days when the children have PE and Forest School they should arrive in appropriate kit e.g PE – white t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms (when cold) and trainers.

Forest School- Old clothes and sturdy shoes.

PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Forest School is on Wednesday.

Also through the week the children will need their wellies in school the whole time as we are often on the field at playtimes and if wet they will need them.

We are very lucky this term to have two specialist teachers coming in to teach the class. On a Thursday and Friday morning we will have Mrs. Blaker who will be teaching Ukulele to the class and on Friday afternoons Mrs. Delahoy will be joining us and she will be teaching the children to create some amazing art work.



Forest School

The children will be doing Forest School on Wednesday mornings so please ensure that they wear appropriate clothing each week. We shall be on the school site for the next 2 weeks and will then be off site after that. We shall confirm by email when we are going up the Forest School site in the minibuses and whether the children will need a packed lunch on that day.



Take care everybody and keep up the hard work as we have really enjoyed teaching you these first couple of weeks.