



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## An Overview for Parents and Carers

### SPRING TERM 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are looking forward to the Christmas break. Thank you for your support across the autumn term. We have all enjoyed learning about what makes a suitable wild thing but are now looking forward to our new topic in the New Year where we will be answering the question, how have explorers helped change the world? The children will have a very busy term ahead of them but we are sure they will rise to the challenge.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us

Best wishes,

Mr. Allard and Miss Bennett.

#### English

In English we will look at a narratives, poetry, instructions and letter writing as well as continuing to develop the children's phonics and spelling skills. We will continue to teach handwriting regularly throughout the week as well as developing the children's reading comprehension skills as they begin to read for understanding. As always it would be beneficial if you could continue to read as regularly as possible with your child to help stimulate their imagination and record this in their reading records. There will also be English tasks set via Google Classroom and Dojo.

#### Maths

In Maths we will be covering multiplication and division, properties of shape and fractions. We will continue to focus on securing a deep understanding of each topic, challenging the children to explain their understanding through a range of reasoning questions. In fluency lessons we will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as consolidating counting, addition and subtraction skills from the autumn term. The children have their logins for Numbots and Times Table Rockstars in their reading records; please can they continue to access these as much as possible. We have introduced the children to TTRS so please encourage them to do this at home too. Additionally there will a maths homework grid uploaded online.

#### Across The Curriculum

Our overarching question is 'How have explorers changed the world?' We will be basing our topic around Explorers. We will begin by looking at Edward Wilson as he was born in Cheltenham. This topic is cross curricular so where possible our learning, particularly in history and geography, will all be linked to our question. In science we will complete our animal including humans topic and start to learn about materials and their uses and properties. In our Geography we will be learning about the continents and oceans as we learn about those who explored them. We will also teach the children about different human and physical features within our lessons.

#### General Reminders

Our homework expectations remain the same, children are expected to read daily, use TTRS/Numbots and work on their KIRFs. We encourage children to read as much as possible because through reading the children broaden their vocabulary to use within their writing.

Children will need to continue to wear full PE kit to school on Tuesdays. They will spend some time inside and outside so will need joggers and trainers.

