

Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter- Year 2 January 2024



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. It is lovely to be back in school at the start of Term 3. We have lots of exciting to focus upon and we look forward to seeing even more super progress made in the children's learning.

Our Focus Values for the Spring Terms are Humility and Respect

English – Writing and Guided Reading	In Term 3, our focus text will be 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We will be learning and recapping a range of Year 2 writing skills such as, conjunctions, present/past tense, contractions, apostrophes for possession etc. We will be writing for a range of genres including a persuasive letter and a retell. In Guided Reading, we will be continuing to work on a range of VIPERS skills such as retrieval and inference. We will also be taking a closer look at vocabulary and understanding language. In term 4, our focus text will be 'The Dragon Machine'.
Maths	In Maths we will be looking at multiplication and division (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s), 3D shape, fractions, time, money and measures. Children will continue to practice addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers.
RE	We will be looking at how Jewish people celebrate the festival of Passover and consider what Christians think God is like. We will link these with stories and teachings from the Bible.
Science	We are going to be learning about 'Everyday Materials' and their uses. This will include a range of different experiments to test the suitability for materials and their best uses.
Computing	During computing we will focus upon programming and build upon our knowledge Beebots and how to programme and robot.
PE + Sports	This term we will be taking part in gymnastics activities and how we can use our bodies with control to create different balances and sequences. We will take part in different games activities.
Geography	In Geography we will be comparing and contrasting Melksham with Mexico. We will also learn about how to use an atlas and identify the continents and oceans of the world and countries close to the equator.
Art and Design	In Term 4, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of 'Fauvism' and look at the world of André Derain. We will create landscapes in the style of Fauvism.
D.T	In D.T. during Term 3 we will be looking at mechanisms. We will create our own moving picture using pivots and levers.
PSHEE/SRE	We will look at the theme of 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me' This offers children the opportunity to explore future targets and how they can achieve these with support plus ways to ensure they lead a healthy lifestyle.
Music	We will be looking at beat, rhythm and playing different percussion instruments.
Attendance	It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school or not. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school for support and an action plan (to restore their attendance to a level that will allow them to achieve well at school).

Learning at Home	Please try to read with your child at least 5 x per week and record this in their reading records – it will make a difference to their reading progress. Spellings – We will have our spelling test on a Friday. Please see the overview that was sent out before Christmas.
Important Information	We will aim to change reading books every Monday. Please ensure reading books and records are sent into school every day. PE- Please ensure your child has a full, NAMED kit in school. Please ensure all lunchboxes, drinks bottles, clothing, wellies etc are named. This really helps if your child misplaces them at school. Spelling and homework books to be sent in on a Friday.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo.

Miss Gale, Mrs Lock & Mrs Wicks

Important Dates

Birch Class assembly- Tuesday 12th March

Sycamore Class assembly- Tuesday 26th March