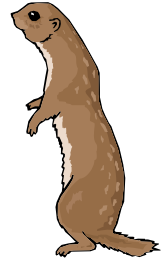




Curriculum Overview for Year 2 ***First half of Autumn Term 2018***



Hedgehogs class

Class teacher: Ms Bowes & Miss Cox
Support Staff: Mr Nathan

Otters class

Class teacher: Miss Edy
Support Staff: Miss Harrison

Our topic this half term is Island Adventures.
Here is a summary of the learning for this term:

Mathematics



Maths will be taught through daily lessons and used throughout the day during opportune moments. Maths is a lively, practical experience in Year 2, with children using a wide range of equipment to make Maths feel “real”.

The children will learn to consolidate and move their learning on:

- Patterns
- Problem Solving
- Counting and properties of number
- Place value, estimating and ordering
- Understanding addition and subtraction
- Mental calculations strategies

Literacy



This half term the children will be writing stories, poetry and information texts based on our topic of Island Adventures.

We have Phonics sessions 4 times a week where the children will learn the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters) as well as reading and spelling an increasing number of words. This half-term we will be revising phases 3, 4 and 5; when the children are ready, moving onto phase 6, alternative pronunciations and spellings. They will read in a Guided Reading group with their teacher once a week and will read individually to adults as well. However this will not be enough to ensure your child progresses. At Moss Lane we expect every child to read at home, every day. Please check your child's reading record for their weekly reading Learning Target (LT). It is really important for children to have their reading record at school every day.

Science and Geography

In **Science** we will be learning about properties of materials and their uses.

In **Geography** we will be describing the location of features and using basic geographical vocabulary for human and physical features.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be focusing on New Beginnings. During the term we will also be thinking about our school values. The values for this term are Friendship (September) and Understanding (October)

Expressive Arts and Design

In **Art & Design** we will be using a range of materials creatively to make models and paintings. We will be investigating British Coastal Artists and using their work as a stimulus to produce our own picture linked to our topic. We will also be developing our art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture and shape.

Physical Development

We will be learning to run, jump, throw and catch with small balls through appropriate games. P.E. kit is needed in school every day as sometimes the routine has to be changed. Long hair should be tied back at all times and earrings should be removed on P.E. days. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

SCL P.E. lessons will be on a Thursday and class teacher P.E. lessons will be on a Monday.

Computing

We will have lots of fun during Computing lessons using Purple Mash. We will be learning how programming technology makes things happen and beginning to learn about algorithms and coding.

R.E.

At Moss Lane, we will be learning to respect the beliefs and values of all cultures, celebrating Harvest and we will also be learning about Christianity and parables.

Allotment

During the beginning of the year we will be visiting the allotment to harvest the fruit and vegetables and to look at materials as part of Science.



How you can help your child at home

Find lots of opportunities for counting groups of objects around the house - like sets of cutlery to support their learning of multiplication (taught as repeated addition and known number facts - tables). You can cut cakes, sandwiches and fruit into halves and quarters, estimate measure distances in steps and weigh accurately when cooking by using the scales. Play I-spy with your children, using phonemes and encourage them to sound out words whenever you can. Please try to find 5 or 10 minutes special time to share a story with your child, even making some up to extend your child's imagination.

Home Learning

Reading – Daily, regular reading is a critical part of Year 2 and will enable your child to make good progress. Please look out for the weekly Learning Target (LT) set by the teacher and use it when reading with your child. Learning to read can be a fragile experience, please focus on what they 'can' do rather than what they can't.

Spellings – encourage your child to learn spellings from their common exception words list, then use them in a sentence.

Wonder Book – tasks to be completed at home between Thursday and Tuesday.

Speaking and Listening – discuss your child's wonder book task with them as well as talking about all their learning both in school and at home. Give them opportunities to be listened to as well as to listen.

Writing – encourage your child to compose their own sentences and to remember what they want to write. They can use their phonic knowledge to sound out and blend words to spell, rather than needing to copy your writing. Please don't rub out their mistakes...at Moss Lane we celebrate mistakes and learn from them.

Handwriting – encourage your children to form letters correctly.

Other Special Dates

Welcome meeting for parents – Tuesday 18th September 6.00pm

Harvest Assembly – Friday 19th October 9.15am and 2:15pm – Parents welcome to attend one performance

Parents' evenings – Tuesday 16th October 3.30pm – 7.00 pm and Thursday 18th October 3.30pm-5.50pm

If there is anything you wish to discuss further please come and see us or make an appointment via the school office.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to us!

With best wishes

Ms Bowes, Miss Cox and Miss Edy