

## **Year 2 Curriculum News**

### **Summer Term 2025**

This term Year 2 will be learning all about 'Our Community' as their focus across the curriculum.

#### **Languages, Literacy, Communication**

We will continue with our daily literacy sessions. These will consolidate knowledge of phonic sounds/blends and continue to introduce new spelling patterns and tricky words. We will begin to use comprehension skills more regularly to find information in texts and understand stories in more depth. We will also revisit poetry writing throughout the term. Non-fiction writing will continue with diary writing/postcards and will have a strong link to our topic work. We will then begin to write explanation texts and reports which will form the basis of some ICT lessons. Pupils will have the opportunity to read daily during literacy time, reading wheel and rainbow challenges. Spelling will be taught through our Read Write Inc. scheme of work and handwriting will be taught using the Nelson handwriting scheme.

#### **Welsh & International Languages**

During Welsh and Spanish lessons this term the children will continue to cover various basic topics in Spanish and use their Welsh vocabulary knowledge to build their speech and writing using extended sentences. A variety of language activities will develop their speaking, listening and reading skills in both these languages. A vast amount of their learning will be through oracy games, role play scenarios and songs to easily increase vocabulary in an enjoyable way. The children will also learn about Wales and their locality through their topic work.

***How you can help:*** Please encourage your children to discuss their weekly extended write at home to develop their vocabulary and inspire ideas. Please also ensure that your child reads at home and is read to wherever possible.

#### **Maths and Numeracy**

This term we will learn more about the four operations with particular focus on division and multiplication, working on our 2, 3, 5, 10s. We will revisit time, fractions, conversions (length, capacity, mass etc.) and look at data handling. We will consolidate previous addition and subtraction learning using money and recognising pounds and pence. We work on symmetry and continue to revise shape and classification of objects. Children will continue to take part in Big Maths and will work on their numerical reasoning across their Topic and Maths lessons.

**How can you help:** Continue to practise multiplication tables with your children as frequently as possible. Carry out maths problems using past paper questions on the Year 2 page of school website. Please ensure all homework is up to date.

## **RE**

This term we will continue to use the Understanding Christianity scheme of work for RE learning. Understanding Christianity looks at eight core concepts at the heart of mainstream Christian belief. It sets out some knowledge 'building blocks', to clarify what pupils know and understand about these concepts. The children will learn about each concept and their impact in the lives of Christians in the UK and the world today, making connections with the world of the pupils and their wider understanding. Understanding Christianity's approach to teaching about Christianity builds up pupils' encounters with these core concepts through biblical texts then places the texts and concepts within the wider Bible story. This term the children will be using a 'Big Question' to think about how and why different people in our lives are special, especially God.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days are Thursdays and Fridays which will often be taken by Mr Nurton. It is important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible, we will send them home at the end of each half term to be washed. Our wellbeing work will centre around the Jigsaw scheme of work.

## **Science and Technology**

Children will continue to use Hwb and various apps/educational ICT games to improve their Maths, Literacy and creative skills. Children will continue to gain a better understanding of how to be digital citizens through the Digital Competency Framework. HWB and Seesaw will continue to be used as research and educational tools.

This term we will be studying habitats and thinking about life cycles of plants and insects. The children will also be performing experiments around conditions to grow plants as well as thinking about the important factors that create life. The children will also learn about the life cycle of plants, conditions needed for growth and the names and parts of plants. We will learn how to write simple reports and develop skills in labelling and recording ideas.

## **Humanities and Expressive Arts**

The topic Our Community will teach children about the geographical and human features of their local community. We will write a range of instructions and directions using maps. Children will learn about important people in the community, and they will compare our local communities of the past to present day. We will create different art inspired pieces based on our topic through various mediums.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday via a homework letter on parent pay unless you have requested a paper copy from the office. The homework will be via MyMaths/seesaw unless paper homework is sent home. New reading books will be sent home weekly on Friday. You can send the books into school whenever your children are ready.

We are loving all this sunshine we are having and can't wait to start having fun with our learning this term! If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Samuel