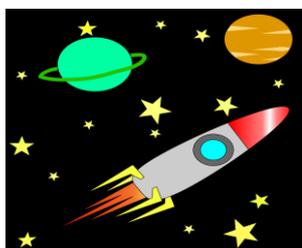


## Spring Curriculum Letter for Year 2 - January 2018

### Year 2

Teachers: Mrs Corallo (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning) and Mrs Nicolet (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday) Teaching assistant: Mrs Hougham.

We wish you a warm welcome back to Year 2 and hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break. Below is an overview of what we will be studying this term. We hope that this will enable you to support your child's learning by discussing the topics and, where possible, helping them to find information from the internet or books. Our main topic for this term will be Space and significant people in history such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.



### Spring Term topics

R.E	Science	Geography/History	Art/Design Technology	I.C.T.
Christmas Revelation Other Faiths Lent Holy week	Use of everyday materials and their properties.	Space and space travel.  Significant people in history.  History of the first man on the moon Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake the first British astronaut to join the International Space Station Crew	Design and make their own rockets and space stations  Collage of the planets.	We are games testers. Computational thinking. Exploring how computer games work.  We are astronauts.  Coding- basic computer programming

P.E	Games	SEAL	Music
Gymnastics - changing direction, changing shape, straight and curved pathways, pathways with a partner, turning around, jumping and running, jumping and rolling with a partner.	Handball - ball skills, passing and catching the ball. Athletics - running, jumping, throwing to target and to a partner. Relay racing.	Going for Goals motivation. Good to be me - self awareness /managing feelings/empathy.	Exploring rhythm Instruments and Symbols.

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. The P.E.kit is blue shorts and a white, round necked Tee shirt. In addition to plimsolls, could you also include trainers in the kit for Outdoor Games. Please ensure kit is available in school everyday. It will be sent home at half term for washing. Your child will also need to bring in an outdoor kit, comprising of a warm sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. ***Please make sure that all kit is named.***

Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Guided Reading.</p> <p>Narrative writing - Stories from other cultures and fantasy stories,</p> <p>Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation - children will focus on correct punctuation such as capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks. Children will also focus on recognising nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.</p> <p>Poetry - responding to a range of poems with different patterned structures and writing their own poems in a patterned form..</p> <p>Non- fiction - Instructional writing, recipes, explanation texts, identifying features of non-fiction.</p> <p>Phonics- We use Letters and Sounds from the National strategy and teach phonics daily.</p> <p>Handwriting: is ongoing throughout the year</p>	<p>Count to and across 100 forwards and backwards by grouping them in 10s, 5s or 2s.</p> <p>Place value.</p> <p>Partition two-digit numbers in different ways, including multiples of 10 and 1.</p> <p>Addition and subtraction of single digit and double digit numbers.</p> <p>Add mentally a single digit number to any two digit number. Subtract mentally a single digit number from any two digit number. Subtract mentally a multiple of 10 from any two digit number.</p> <p>Calculate the value of an unknown in a number sentence.</p> <p>Identify 2D/3D shapes in different positions and orientations. Make and describe 2D shapes, referring to their properties.</p> <p>Read the time to the quarter hour. Identify time intervals, including those that cross the hour.</p> <p>Use lists, tables and diagrams to sort objects</p> <p>Children should learn their times tables for 2s, 5s, 10s.</p>

**School trips:** This term we are planning a trip to LV Streetwise in Bournemouth on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February to help raise awareness of health and safety in the modern world. The anticipated cost for this trip will be about £3.50.

**SATS:** We will also be holding a SATS information evening on **Wednesday 24th January** at **4.30pm** to which you are all warmly invited. SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) take place in Year 2 throughout May. Each child is teacher assessed in Reading, Writing, Maths (including number, shape, space and measurement) and Science.

**Here are useful websites where you will find games and activities that will practise the skills needed for the Year 2 SATS and end of year assessments**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

**Book bags:** Year 2 children take their book bags home **every day**. Please continue to hear your child read every day. You will find a record sheet in their bag for you to make comments on. The book bags will also contain other information such as newsletters and we would ask you to check your child's bag daily.

**Homework:** Homework will be regularly set on **Thursday** for completion on the following **Tuesday**. It will consist of either a Numeracy or Literacy activity, or sometimes it will be topic based. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child completes his/her homework.

**Water:** Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle so that they have access to water when needed. They should bring the bottle home each evening for washing out.

**Nut free:** We would like to remind parents that we are a 'nut free' school, as several of our pupils have nut allergies. Please remember this when sending in your child's packed lunch. Thank you.

**Fruit break:** All KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit to eat. If, however, they wish to bring in their own snack it should be fresh fruit, i.e. apple, banana, grapes etc. and not dried fruit or fruit sweets.

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jane Corallo and Melissa Nicolet