



## **Year 2 Curriculum Information Summer Term 2018 Miss Buckley, Miss Keown and Miss Warren**

### **English**

In Literacy this term, we will be studying significant authors such as Anthony Browne. We will be writing stories that mimic these significant authors. Also, we will be writing recounts and presenting information in the form of non-chronological reports. Using The Great Fire of London as our inspiration, we will be writing newspaper articles and historical comparisons. We will also be using trips to help us to write recounts of our real life experiences. We will be developing our grammar and spelling skills by focusing on suffixes and prefixes.

### **Mathematics**

The children will be practising a variety of mathematical skills. They will be applying their knowledge of place value and number facts to solve problems using the different operations (+ - x ÷). They will also be learning about elements of geometry, including identifying and classifying 2D and 3D shapes as well as using statistics to answer questions. E.g. tally charts, bar graphs and Venn diagrams.

### **Science**

This term, we will be focussing on Biology. Our topics are 'Living Things including Humans' and 'Plants'. We will learn about what different living things need to survive, habitats and food chains. Using investigations, experiments and research the children will learn more about our school and local environments. Alongside this, we will be working scientifically to improve our understanding of the living world around us. We are lucky enough to be able to enhance our learning experience by exploring our fantastic school grounds.

At the end of the Summer Term, we be teaching Sex and Relationship Education which involves naming body parts using scientific vocabulary and looking at the differences and similarities between girls and boys.

### **Humanities**

In Geography, we will be carrying out a local area study including looking at the school and the surrounding area. The children will have opportunities to develop their map reading skills and observe aerial photographs. In History, we will be continuing our topic of Famous People and link this to local history, including The Great Fire of London.

This term, they will also be joining the whole school history topic. This year we celebrate 100 years since women got the vote in Britain therefore we will be focusing on important women in History and their influence on the world as we know it today.

### **Art and Design & Technology**

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about moving models and mechanics. We will design and make our own drawbridges to mimic those found in and around London. Our work on The Great Fire of London will inspire our creations. In Art, the children will have opportunities to develop their observational and sketching skills. They will have opportunities to develop and use different techniques such as shading.

### **Computing**

Computing will be used throughout the curriculum to stimulate and enhance learning. The children will continue to develop their coding skills by using different programmes and games, to follow instructions and process errors. We will also be improving our word processing, keyboard skills and the ability to insert pictures onto a document.

### **Physical Education and Games**

This term we will be developing our practical and team work skills in order to participate, compete and lead a healthy lifestyle through athletics and outdoor team games. This will lead to the children participating in sports day, partnership sports and developing their team building skills.

### **Personal Social and Health Education & Philosophy**

Throughout the term children will develop an understanding of morals and values focusing on our school values of Honesty and Independence. In PSHE, the children will be learning about the value of money, where it comes from and how to be responsible with their money. In addition to this, we will be looking at roles and responsibilities in the home. Linking with our SRE, children will learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle, look after their bodies and maintain a good level of hygiene.

In Philosophy, children will also be discussing relevant topics in lessons, including celebrating and recognising differences and looking forward to particular events such as moving into a new year group.

## **Religious Education**

Our Religious Education will consist of studying the Buddhist festival of Wesak. We will also be looking at what it is like growing up in a Christian family. We will learn how to respect and value different people's beliefs and traditions and understand everyone is different yet equal.

## **Spanish**

Each class will have weekly Spanish lessons, learning basic vocabulary, customs and traditions of the country. We will be extending our learning of Spanish vocabulary through games, music and drama activities. Also, we will focus on pronunciation and confidence in speaking Spanish.

## **Music**

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the different notes to play the recorder. They will be given opportunities to improvise and perform.

## **How can you help us?**

- By reading with your child regularly (3x per week), ask questions to support their comprehension and make comments in the reading journal.
- Support with learning the Year 2 common words (spellings – previously sent home).
- By supporting your child with homework.
- Practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 Times Tables weekly.
- Ensuring PE kits and books bags are in school on the designated days.
- Making opportunities to discuss your child's learning and keep teachers updated with any news from home.