

## Term 2 Year 2 Parent Overview

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We will have countryside skills for the first 3 weeks of this term on Wednesday 5th, Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th November. We will continue to have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Thursday so please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on those days. However, there will be no indoor PE during weeks two and three due to Countryside Skills. Reading books will be handed out on a Monday or Wednesday. Please ensure your child's reading book is in school every day and you record when your child has read at home. Remember all those reads at home count towards reading stars. Homework will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and will need to be returned on a Monday. We also look forward to our nativity at the end of the term. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are around before and after school to talk to. A supply teacher whilst Mrs Williams is off, (Class Teacher Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Price (Class Teacher Wednesday, Thursday & Friday), Mrs Morgan (Teaching Assistant every morning) and Mrs Millward (Teaching Assistant Monday to Thursday afternoons).

### English



In English we will be writing a 'losing a tale' and will be using expanded noun phrases in our writing. We will also be writing a postcard from Kenya using all of our topic information that we have learnt during our Geography sessions. We will continue to have bespoke spelling and handwriting lessons throughout the week.

### Maths



The children will be learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers using equipment, drawings and using the column method. They will continue to practise their number bonds to 20 in the Tough 10 sessions, as well as learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will look at the properties of different shapes and how they are made.

### Science



The children will investigate how plants and animals depend on each other in a habitat. They will learn about living and not living, food chains and will learn about the scientist Rachel Carson and what she discovered about ocean habitats.

**Key Vocabulary:** *living, dead, never living, life processes, food chain, producer, consumer, prey and predator.*

### Geography



In Geography, the children will learn about where Kenya is, what life is like there for children, and the effects of the landscape and climate. If the children have any books or resources they would like to share on this topic, please bring them in, labelled with their name on. If you know anyone who has visited Kenya or has photographs they would like to share with the class, please get in touch.

**Key Vocabulary:** *continent, Africa, Europe, country, population, Equator and climate*

**RE**

In RE our key question is What is it like to be brought up in a Jewish home in the UK today? The children will be learning about what special items may be inside a Jewish home, how Jewish people mark the day of rest, what the Mitzvah Day is and the story of Chanukah.

**Key Vocabulary:** mezuzot, shema, Shabbat, Synagogue, Mitzvah Day, tzedakah and Chanukah

**Computing**

The children will be learning about word processing this term. They will be using Pages on the iPad. They will begin by exploring the keyboard, learn how to change font, colour and size of their writing and use the copy and paste tools. They will produce a final piece of word processing work based on our Geography topic using all of the skills they have learnt.

**Wellbeing**

In Wellbeing we will be teaching the unit valuing difference. We will be thinking about what makes us who we are, who is special to us and why, we will discuss how it feels when someone is left out and what we can do in this situation.

**Music**

We will be learning and practising the songs for our nativity this term. We can't wait to share the performance with you.

**PE**

In outdoor PE on a Monday afternoon our unit of work is invasion games. The children will learn how to dribble with a football ball, to pass and receive the ball in a variety of ways for a range of invasion games and to use space effectively in a game. They will also learn how to dodge to get free from a defender to receive a pass as well as how to mark an opposition player - all important skills needed to play invasion games. The children will have the opportunity to take part in individual, paired and small group activities as well as to play a range of team games to enable them to practise and improve their skills. In indoor PE on a Thursday our unit of work is country dancing. We will be learning the different steps needed to create a series of country dances in pairs, small groups and as a whole class.