

Summer Term 2021 – Curriculum Letter for children in Year 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy and important (final) term for your child at Dropmore School! Year Two have settled back into school life quickly and are working hard on their Secret Agent Training Challenges. They are very excited to take part in their Secret Agent missions and complete their challenges.

School Values:



Our Core value this term is RESPECT. To help the children develop and show respect they will be encouraged to use their manners at all times during school and when representing our school at different events. They will continue to model respectful behaviour at playtimes by being our playground pals. We will also be practising our skills as role models by being a good reading buddy to the Reception children, later in the term (if guidance allows).

English

This term we will again be covering a range of text types in our writing sessions. We will be learning about Fairy Tale Twist stories and the author Anthony Browne. We will also be writing about our favourite poems and about our topic of Minibeasts. We are particularly focused on increasing our stamina to write longer pieces, ensuring we use capital letters and full stops and of course having good letter formation.

Year 2 will also be preparing for our variety performance by writing speeches and practising our speaking and listening skills on the stage.

We will continue with our daily phonics or spelling session first thing in the morning, so please ensure your child arrives on time for a prompt 9.15am start!

Maths

This term we will be focusing on revision of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), to help our mathematical fluency and especially our use of 2 - digit numbers. We will also be revisiting many of the Spring topics to ensure Year 2 have as few gaps in their learning as possible from the Spring Lockdown.

We have also been learning how to read the time to within 5 minutes and will continue to practise this throughout the term.

Throughout this term we will be practising our arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving skills and developing our mental mathematical skills. We will also be learning more about how we can use maths in everyday situations and how we can solve a variety of problems.

Science:

For this term we will be learning about Living things and their habitats, we will investigate a variety of habitats and different food chains. We will also build our own microhabitats and hopefully have some creatures move in.

After half term we will start the next unit: Plants, covering the plant life cycle, reproduction and germination. We will discuss the seasons and compare our observations of Spring and Summer. We are also looking forward to see how our sunflowers and bean plants are growing.

Music

We will continue to learn basic recorder skills as well as learning different drumming rhythms. We will also be learning different songs and preparing for our Variety Performance

Concept Curriculum

We are so excited to share our concept curriculum for this term! For more information see Topic Map.

- Curriculum Content = Celebration of Minibeasts (Art and DT focus)
- Concepts = stewardship, beauty, prejudice
- Enquiry question = Can small actions eventually save the world?

PE (Physical Education) Please make sure your child is wearing their full PE kit on Wednesday and Friday. Please also ensure your Mile a Day shoes are in school every day. Every item of clothing in the PE kit should have a label with your child's name, including socks and shoes please! We are ever hopeful that we will be able to have some very exciting sporting events to prepare for this term. We will spend time learning country dancing and Joanne will be joining us again to teach us how to play rounders, kickball and athletics.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) is woven throughout the curriculum and enhanced during our wellbeing sessions and assemblies. We will have weekly lessons to further discuss topics of relationships, belonging, keeping ourselves healthy and personal goals. As we move into the second half of term we will also spend time discussing changes and the transition into our new schools.

RE (Religious Education)

This term our theme is community and belonging, focussing on Islam. We are learning to understand why Muslims visit the mosque and to explore whether this gives them a sense of belonging. After half term we will explore what happens during Hajj and the importance of this to Muslims.

REMEMBER!!

- We have PE on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure the PE kit is worn to school on those days and that all items of your child's PE kit are clearly named.
- On **Fridays** we have our weekly spelling test. Spelling books should be handed in. New spelling words will be handed out on **Mondays**.
- **English and Maths Homework** will be handed out on **Monday** and collected in on the following **Monday**.
- **Friday**= Library day! Remember to bring in your library book.

- **Maths targets** will be started again for this term should be practised a few times a week (little and often is the key). It is the responsibility of your child to hand in their target card to Miss Beeks when they are ready to be tested.
- It is important that your child **reads every day**, at this point in year 2 this can either be aloud to an adult or in their head. When your child is fluent enough to read to themselves, you should also ask them to read **a section quietly in their head** and discuss it afterwards to check their understanding. You can support your child further by reading to your child, sharing books and talking about the story. **PLEASE** remember to update your child's reading diary as we do check this daily!!
- Due to the current guidelines, reading books will continue to be changed twice a week and 2 books will be provided at each changing. Please ensure you have written into their reading diary that the books have been read. This can either be written by an adult or your child can respond to the book themselves. If they have read their book once but it has not been changed, please either re-read the book and discuss it to further their comprehension skills or read another book of their choice (this could be their library book or a book on EPIC!).
- We will continue to practise the recorder on **Monday** afternoons.
- Please be aware that there will be no formal SATS for year 2 this year. These are the official examinations set by the Government that Year 2 take each summer. We will be carrying out our normal internal assessments for the Year 2 children. We will also be carrying out the Secret Agent Training topic, that is normally used to prepare the children for SATS but this will be used to engage them in their learning to support them in achieving their best.
- It is important your child has a high attendance during this term as we engage in many catch-up interventions and lessons to support your child in any learning that has been lost. This includes the time between 9.00am and 9:15 where children are having specific learning tasks to support their catch-up. Please ensure you arrive at school so your child is in the classroom at 9:15am, this is when our learning begins. First lessons start promptly at 9:15 and many children are missing vital inputs to their learning for their starting lessons.

I look forward to another fantastic term!

Miss Beeks