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Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I have loved seeing the children settle back into our 'new normal' school life. The children seem eager to learn and succeed in Year 2. This letter will inform you of what your child is learning in the first half of the Autumn term. It will also outline homework expectations.

Curriculum

Maths	Number and Place Value We focus on how 2 digit numbers are made up of tens and ones. We look at how to represent numbers in different ways, how to compare and order them and how to problem solve within this context.
Writing	Sentence Structure and Paragraphs We recap and add to the children's existing knowledge of sentence structure and how sentences are correctly formed. We will begin to introduce the planning and writing process for paragraph writing.
Reading	Phonics and Whole Class Reading Every child receives small group phonics lessons every day. In addition, the whole class are reading Jumanji this half term. We ask that children don't watch the film (if they haven't already) until after half term.
RE	Developing a Relationship with Others as God Taught We learn about how God created the world and what he put humans on Earth for. We learn about how selfless Jesus was and look at how we can incorporate the seven Works of Mercy into our daily lives.
Science	Animals including Humans We focus on animals and their survival needs. We also look at healthy, balanced diets and the importance of exercise and good personal hygiene.
Geography	Where do I live? This unit teaches the seven continents of the world and explores the four countries which make up the United Kingdom.
Design & Technology	Wheels and Axles We will learn about the importance of wheels and axles in everyday life. We will design, make and evaluate our own vehicles with wheels and axles.
Computing	Digital Literacy and Online Safety We will use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private and identify when and how to access help when the children may have concerns.

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PSHEE	Relationships We will focus on our family and friends, having healthy, safe relationships with others and respecting ourselves and others.
Music	Hands and Feet! In this unit, we explore different types of South African music and how they are composed. We also learn about the pulse and rhythm of songs.
PE	Throwing and Catching Throwing and catching are the two fundamental skills which we will develop and practise throughout this half term. Children will take part in mini games in order to apply these skills.



Homework

Children should be reading for a minimum of 10 minutes per day at home with an adult. An adult at home must fill out their child's reading record at least three times per week. For this half term, each child will bring a phonics book and a story book home. The phonics book must be read by the child, however you can enjoy reading the story book together. We understand the stories may be too tricky for your child to read independently, however an adult at home can read the story to them over a couple of weeks. Please make sure your child brings their reading records and folders in every Monday and Thursday to be checked and changed by teachers. Homework expectations will change throughout the year, but the focus for Year 2 currently is on reading and passing Phonics Screening in December.

PE

Our PE days this half term are Monday and Thursday. Your child must have a full kit in school on these days in order to take part. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are taken out in preparation or that they can confidently remove the earrings themselves.



If you have any questions, please message me on Class Dojo.

Kind regards,

Miss Jackson



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