



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish you a warm welcome to Year 2! We have lots of exciting learning planned for this year. To begin with we will take time getting to know each other through revisiting our Core Values and establishing our class routines.

If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via:

office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk

Please ensure all of your child's clothing and belongings are named clearly, including their coat and water bottle. Any unnamed items will be sent to lost property.

Below is an outline of what we will be learning this term.

English

We will continue to follow the Talk for Writing process for our English lessons. This term we will focus on recurring language through the text *Where the Wild Things* are by Maurice Sendak. Our non-fiction writing will be explanation texts and instructions. In poetry we will create calligram and shape poems.

Maths

We are going to be following the Power Maths scheme this year. We will start with working with numbers to 100 focusing on place value and using part whole models to support this. We will learn to use number lines, part whole models and bar models to solve addition and subtraction equations. We will also learn to identify and describe the properties of shapes.

Phonics

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions using the Little Wandle programme.

Science

In Science will be focusing on the human body. We will learn that all animals, including humans, have offspring and will find out about and describe the basic needs that all animals need for survival. We will learn that our skeleton and muscles help us to move and that exercise is an important way of keeping our body healthy. We will also focus on living things and their environment where we will learn that living things live in habitats most suited to their needs.

Geography

This term we will focus on Spatial Space. This will involve using atlases and maps to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. We will use compass directions and locational and directional language to describe a route on a map. We will use aerial maps to plan different perspectives and create our own map with a key. We will use the geographical vocabulary 'human' and 'physical' to describe features in our school environment.

History

Our unit of work is Romans in Britain. We will learn about the individuals, Boudicca, Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius, who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will find out where Romans came from, the invasion of Britain and Roman towns.

Art

In Art we will focus on Colour and Shape and Texture. We will know the difference between a shade and a tint and how to create them. We will study the painting 'Three Houses' by Klee and look at the geometric shapes used. This will be compared with paintings by Picasso and the use of organic shapes. We will be inspired by Matisse's cut-out style of art to create our own.

Music

Will be taught by Miss Baker as part of PPA time.

P.E. and Forest School

PE this term will be on **Wednesday** afternoons only. Please send your child into school in their PE uniform for these days.

Forest school will be **fortnightly** on **Tuesday** afternoons. Please send your child into school wearing old clothes for these days, which cover legs and arms due to nettles. They will also need appropriate footwear (wellies can be sent to change into but not worn all day), a warm coat and suitable clothes for the weather (hat, gloves, scarf, and waterproofs if needed). Forest school goes ahead in all weathers (apart from high winds) and lasts all afternoon so the children need clothing that will keep them as warm and dry as possible. The first session will be **Tuesday 12th September**.

Homework

Your child will have a reading book by Friday 8th September which will be based on their assessment at the end of Year 1. Your child's reading level may change in the next few weeks.

Please listen to your child read daily (or as often as possible) as this really helps their reading progress. They will also receive a library book to be shared at home. Book change days are **Monday** and **Thursday**, if your child has read 3 times and the diary has been written in, their book will be changed. Reading books and library books to be returned in their school book bag on these days. We will ask that any lost/damaged books be paid for so we are not left short of resources.

Spellings will be given out on a **Friday** and the little red books will need returning the following Thursday for the new spellings to be added.

Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great Autumn term!

Mrs Farmer