

Dear Parents

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a restful break over the Christmas holidays and would like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy 2024! Following a successful and busy Autumn Term we would like to fill you in on what will be happening in Year 2 in the Spring Term.

English

The children will begin this term's work focusing on pirate facts. They will learn about the craft and construction of a non-chronological report and will continue to learn about nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. They will learn to use commas in a list, alliteration and rhetorical questions. They will continue to have daily Phonics or Reading Comprehension lessons and we will encourage them to use their phonics knowledge for spellings in their writing. After half term, we will read and discuss Little Red Reading Hood by Lucy Rowland, using the story to produce descriptive writing and an alternative ending.

Maths

The children will continue to build on the mathematical skills learned in the Autumn Term. These skills will cover Money, Multiplication and Division and Length and Height. We will continue to encourage perseverance, flexibility and curiosity when solving Maths problems. We will use the iPads weekly for Numbots and TTRockstars both of which we would encourage the children to use at home.

Science

The children will explore and understand the various habitats located around the world. Children get to explore habitats such as the ocean, the Arctic and Antarctic and rainforest. Further to this, children get the chance to think about how animals have adapted in order to thrive. In Spring 2, the children will learn about the growth of animals, including humans. They will learn about their needs for survival. They shall also describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Humanities

In our History lessons we will be learning about the history of shoes and boots in Northampton and learning about the Industrial Revolution. The children will be learning about the gruelling jobs that children as young as four had to do during the Victorian Era. After half term, the children will learn about the lives of Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell, Mary Seacole.

RE

We will be learning about the importance of the Torah to people of the Jewish faith and finding out about some of its contents and the influence it has on the lives of Jewish people.

PSHE

Over the next few weeks the children will be learning about how to keep safe.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning about programming by using Scratch.

Art

The children will explore print making techniques, and will create individual and collaborative prints inspired by Andy Warhol.

Music

In music, the children will be learning about tempo (speed), dynamics (volume) and combining pulse, rhythm, pitch in musical phrases on classroom instruments. They will be singing songs with themes of Spring and Easter.

PE

In PE this term, we will be focusing on yoga, invasion games skills, striking and fielding games skills and we will also be having a specialist dance teacher in on a Tuesday after February half term.

- Regular reading with your child
- TT Rockstars and Numbots
- Practise of weekly spelling words which shall be put on Class Dojo.
- Project - Create a project (fact file, model, picture, story) about our Science or History topics to be brought in and shown on the Friday after we come back after half term (Friday 1st March).

Key Dates

Please refer to the website via the following link:

<https://www.nicholashawksmooracademy.com/events/>

A few reminders:

Toys are not permitted at school: Please could we ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys into school. If they do make their way into the classroom, they will be placed back into their bags until home time.

Book Bags: Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school each day so that we can provide them with reading books. Please do not put large or bulky keyrings on the bags.

Water Bottles and Snack: Please can we ask that each child brings named water bottle into school every day. Daily fruit is provided but you could provide your child with a small, healthy snack for playtime. **Crisps and chocolate will not be allowed for snacks at morning break time.**

Toilet breaks: Please make sure that your child has been to the toilet before they come into school. **We would appreciate if you could remind your child that break time and lunchtime is when they should go to the toilet.** We understand that there will be times that they need to go during lessons but we want to avoid them missing their learning as much as possible.

NHPS Golden Rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

Best wishes,

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