

Dear Parents

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a restful break over the Easter holidays. Following a successful and busy Spring Term we would like to fill you in on what will be happening in Year 2 in the Summer Term.

English

The children will begin the term by writing based on the stories of Katie Morag which shall include a character description, setting the scene and a persuasive letter. They will continue to learn about nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. They will learn to use commas in a list, conjunctions and punctuation of sentences in different ways. The children will have reading comprehension sessions, finding evidence from the text to support their answers.

Maths

The children will continue to build on the mathematical skills learned throughout Year 2. These skills will cover Fractions, Properties of Shape, Time and 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 observe and explore how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants; and find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. In Summer 2, the children will be taught to notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which in grow into adults. They will explore the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Humanities

In our Geography lessons, the children will be developing their knowledge about the world. They will use a world map to identify the location of the UK and Ecuador in relation to the poles and the equator. They will compare the capital cities and use photographs to identify physical and natural features. The children will also explore a variety of wild animals and identify where in the world they live and whether they are found in a hot or a cold climate.

PSHE

The children will be learning about being their best including; positive mindset, the importance of good oral hygiene and healthy and unhealthy choices. In the second half of the term, they will learn about growing and changing.

Computing

The children will learn about Digital Music in the first part of the term, looking at: how music makes us feel, rhythm, tempo, how it can be used, creating and editing digital music. Next, they will learn how to program a quiz by recapping Scratch Jnr, thinking of questions, making and changing the design and evaluating the quiz when finished.

Art

This terms focus will be on the whole school theme of reducing plastic in our oceans. They will be painting scenes of our oceans onto unwanted CD's and creating a large collaborative piece of work from recycled materials

Music

In music, the children will be learning about music that makes you dance, exploring how music shapes our way of life. They will continue to learn about tempo (speed), dynamics (volume) and combining pulse, rhythm, pitch in musical phrases on classroom instruments.

PE

In PE this term, we will be focusing on swimming and target games. Our PE days are Tuesdays (swimming) and Thursdays. We will have some lessons outside so please provide warm black leggings or jogging bottoms (no logos) along with black shorts, white t-shirt and suitable outdoor sports footwear. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must not be worn. Please ensure that your child can tie up their own shoe / trainer laces.

Homework

- 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 Geography topics.

Key Dates

Please refer to the website via the following link:

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

Date for your diary: There will be a Year 2 Coffee morning in the hall on the morning of Thursday 11th July.

Trips

Wednesday 8th May – Claydon House (approx.cost £15.00)

Wednesday 3rd July – Woburn Safari Park (approx.cost £21.00)

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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