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Year 2 – Term 6 – Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

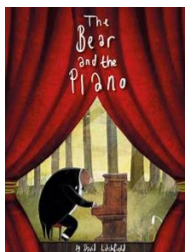
As we come to the close of another term, we are delighted with the children’s commitment to enhancing their attitudes towards learning and have yet again been incredibly fortunate to see many children heading out on exciting trips and visits. Notably, our Bee Keeping club proudly showcased their skills at the Devon County Show, while our very own Mr. Meredith had the honour of representing us at the prestigious King's Garden Party. As we celebrate these achievements and bid farewell to another term, we extend our gratitude to you all for your continued support and look forward to what Term 6 has to offer.

Next term, Year 2 will have a **History focus on ‘Significant Artists’**. This term, the children will learn about a selection of famous and influential artists, such as Leonardo Da Vinci and Andy Warhol! We will be a year group full of historians after learning descriptions on each of the artists we study and exploring examples of their work and how art has changed over time.

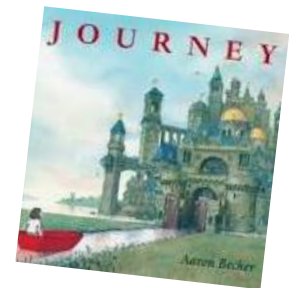


In **History**, we’ll be learning to:

- Develop an awareness of the past, use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
- Begin to understand chronological framework.
- Understand changes within living memory.
- Focus on the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- Compare aspects of life in different periods.



In **English**, to begin, the children’s writing will be based on ‘The Bear and the Piano’ by David Lichfield, focusing on Modern Fiction. The children will write their own revised version, demonstrating their literary skills. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will begin by looking at ‘The Journey’ by Aaron Becker. Later in the term, they will then move on to the wonderful story ‘Izzy Gizmo’ by Pip Jones.

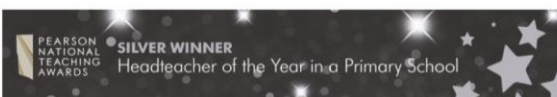


In their **Maths** learning, the children will build on their knowledge of weight, volume and temperature when reading scales of all different types. We will then move onto ‘problem solving using efficient methods’, which will prepare the children for Year 3. In **Science**, we will be looking at ‘Animals including humans’, looking at what animals need to survive and the importance of exercise and a healthy diet.

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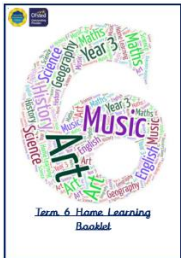


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Learning at Home



In Year 2, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings and times tables** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to **complete one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day please** and will be marked each Thursday.

Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.



PE next term will be on a **Wednesday for 2NC, 2AW & 2MG**. As we will be studying **Athletics and Team Building** in PE, lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle. As the days become warmer, a hat is also advised. Please could we remind all children that the appropriate PE kit, must be worn. **Children are not permitted to wear substitute clothing such as football kits, hoodies etc for their PE kits.**

We have lots to look forward to in Term 6 including Our Library Grand Opening, Outdoor Classroom Day, Sport's Day and new to 2024, our first ever, ECS FEST! Therefore, do keep an eye on our school Facebook Page and your Xpression inboxes. We look forward to seeing the children back on **Wednesday 5th June** ready for Term 6.

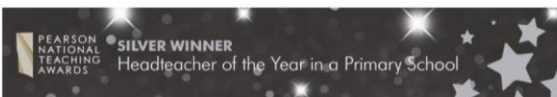
Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,
Mr. A Williams, Miss. M Gibson & Mrs. N Cunningham
Class Teachers

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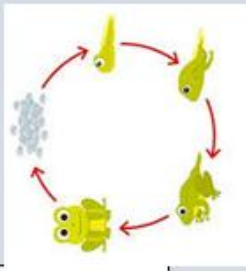


What am I going to be learning during the 'Changing Me' topic for PSHE in Year 2?



Life Cycles in Nature

I will be able to recognise and discuss cycles of life in nature. I will begin to understand how some changes are out of my control and how I feel about these.



Life Cycle of a Sunflower



Boys and Girls Bodies

I will begin to recognise the physical difference between boys and girls. I will use the correct names for parts of the body and I will understand that some parts of my body are private. I will talk about the things I like and don't like about being a girl/boy



Growing from Young to Old

I will be able to describe the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is out of my control. I will begin to feel proud about the independence that I have developed.



The Changing Me

I will begin to recognise how my body has changed from when I was baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old. I will feel proud about my independence.

Looking Ahead

I will discuss the things I am looking forward to when I move to my next class. I will start to think about the changes that I will make for the next year.



Assertiveness

I will learn about the different kinds of touch and I will be able to express the kinds that I like and don't like. I will develop the confidence to say what I like and don't like and know how to ask for help.

