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## Information

Your child will be sent home with a reading book each week. This will be changed during the week after they have read to a grown up in class. In addition to this they will be heard during their RWI sessions. Please listen to your child read at home and sign in the available space next to the book title in their reading record.

We will be sending homework home in their green home learning journal each week. This will include one piece of English, which may be a written task, one piece of maths and one other from our wider curriculum. Please encourage your child to complete the homework task and offer support where necessary. Home learning journals are an extension of their classroom learning and can be beneficial to offer pre-learning or consolidation of learning from the classroom. If there are any problems, feel free to ask.

## Don't forget...

Your child will have PE on a Thursday each week. They should have the appropriate kit which includes; t-shirt, shorts and school joggers. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear and if your child wears earrings, these must be removed before the session. If your child is unable to remove earrings on their own, please ensure this is done by an adult at home.

## Year 2 Curriculum Leaflet Autumn

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. We hope that you have had a good rest over the summer break and are raring to go! We have got a fantastic term of learning ahead of us and we can't wait to get started.

There will be a continued focus on home learning and this leaflet will aim to provide you with an insight into all of the exciting things your child will be learning at school and hopefully provide areas where you may be able to offer support at home.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Mrs Tomkinson   Mrs Robinson  
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## Food for thought!

- Avocados are actually a fruit.
- Apples give you more energy than coffee.
- Broccoli has more protein than a steak.
- Hotdogs are not actually American.
- Bananas float in water! Give it a try to check and see if it is true.

## English

The children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge with daily RWI lessons. These small groups will build upon their previous knowledge of phonics and aim for fluency and speediness.

In addition to this our English lessons will centre around texts which link to our topic. The first is Oliver's vegetables and we will focus on list poems. The children will learn to use commas in a list and create some ambitious vocabulary to describe their vegetables.

We will then continue to gain skills such as the use of imperative verbs and time connectives to write a set of instructions which will help them to make their fruit kebabs in our Design and Technology lessons.

## Thematic topic

This term in our thematic lessons we will be learning about food. We will look at the journey of our food focusing on the places in which a wide variety of our food is grown. We will consider why food is grown in these countries and what geographical features contribute to the growth and trade of these products.

We will look at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and how he used fruit and vegetables to create portraits and also the children will be invited to Tomkinson's restaurant experience so that the children can taste various food before ending the topic and half term by becoming creators of their own fruit kebabs.

## Maths

The children will continue to develop their skills with the four operations which are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be focusing on the addition of larger numbers and place value during our arithmetic lessons.

We will also be continuing to learn how to tell the time. This is an important life skill so please encourage your child at home to tell the time. We will be looking at reading the time to the hour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to and  $\frac{1}{4}$  past. We will also be looking at telling the time on a digital clock.

The children will also learn about money. This will work alongside our thematic lessons where we are looking at food and trade. We will be identifying all the coins and adding money together in a real life context.

## Science

In science, the children will be investigating living things and their habitats. They will be exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, that are dead and things that have never been alive.

We will focus on habitats by designing and building bug hotels for mini-beasts around the school before looking on a bigger scale to habitats from around the world.

## RE

In RE lessons, we will be trying to answer the question, what do Christians believe God is like? We will examine stories and parables from the Bible such as The Lost Son and the story of Jonah. These texts describe God's ways and we will discuss how Christians add these examples into their daily lives.

## PSHE

This half term the children will be exploring relationships including; what it is to be a good friend, recognising things that friends have in common and their differences; playing and working cooperatively; What causes arguments and how to solve them positively.