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Autumn Term 2021 – Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year. The children have been settling well into their new classes and are learning the new routines.

English

This half term our topic is 'Food and Growth'. Children will be learning to write instructions to make a healthy sandwich and will use the features of instructions texts in their writing. They will also be retelling stories with familiar settings. The children will also read poetry and learn poems. A strong focus this term is on securing children's skills in using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly in their sentences. They will also have regular handwriting lessons to practise forming lowercase and uppercase letters correctly. There will be regular grammar lessons and children will learn about adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbs and tenses. Weekly spellings will be set on **Spelling Shed** which children are expected to practise daily. Children will continue to have guided reading lessons and they will focus on comprehension skills.

Phonics

We use the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme to teach children to read. Children will learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to blend them to read and spell. The scheme includes both a reading and a writing focus. The children will develop their skills of recognising sounds in words. All children will have a daily phonics lesson and they will be segmenting and blending letter sounds in order to help them read and spell.

Maths

The following topics will be studied:

- ❖ Counting reliably forwards and backwards to up to 100
- ❖ Place value – to identify tens and ones to partition a number into tens and ones and partitioning numbers in different ways (eg 27 can be $20 + 7 = 27$ or $10 + 17 = 27$)
- ❖ Reading, writing and ordering numbers as digits and words accurately up to 100
- ❖ Addition and subtraction – using and applying in real life context.
- ❖ Multiplication and division – using and applying in real life context.
- ❖ Fluency in 2, 5, 10 times tables
- ❖ Money – recognising coins and notes, solving money problems using addition and subtraction.
- ❖ Solving word problems, reasoning and non-routine problems.

Please help your child to recognise key mathematical vocabulary associated with the 4 operations

For example:

- + plus, add, more, total, altogether
- take away, subtract, less, minus, less than
- = equals, makes, the same as
- x times, multiply, lots of

÷ divide, share, groups, share equally

Science

Our topic this term is 'Food and Growth'. Through this topic children will be learning about the basic needs of animals including humans as well as the human lifecycle, the importance of eating healthy, exercising and hygiene.

Geography

Our topic is Africa. We will also learn about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and name and locate 7 continents on a world map. The children will research their class country and learn about the human and physical geographical features.

Computing

We will be learning about what a computer is and explore the different types of computers that are used in the real world and the roles that they play. We will also focus on naming the different parts of a computer and understanding the purpose of each. Finally, children will design their own inventions, which must include inputs and outputs, explaining how their idea works and how they are controlled.

Art/DT

Children will be learning to create patterns through African artwork by studying a famous artist called Angul Walters Che. They will also learn different arranging, folding, repeating, overlapping, regular and irregular patterning through creating their own Kente designs.

PSHE

Our value of the month is **respect** so we will learn what this means and how we show respect to others. We will be looking at relationships, exploring others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care. They will also look at friendship and how respecting friends is an important caring value.

Music

Our topic is called 'Sounds of Africa' and we will look at call and response animals.

PE

Children will learn: P.E. rule. They will also learn the story of Diwali through dance, games – throwing and catching.

Autumn term – PE timetable

Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
2 Botswana	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Kenya	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Nigeria	Wednesday	Thursday

Please ensure your children wear the correct P.E kit to school on these days

Homework

Homework will be set on **Google Classroom, SpellingShed and TimeTable Rockstars**. Children will receive English and Maths homework and they will be provided with a reading book. Please read the book and comment in the home / school reading booklet.

- ❖ Homework will be ready to access on **Google Classroom** on alternate **Fridays**.
- ❖ Children are expected to complete their *homework*, learn their *spellings* and bring their **reading books** back daily.
- ❖ They will be tested for spellings regularly and they will be read with each week.

Reminders



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- ❖ Talk to your child about what they have learnt in school each day. Encourage them to ask questions to develop their knowledge and understanding of different concepts. **Please read with your child each day.**
- ❖ You can also join Oxford Owl ebooks. Registration is free. You access the website via the following link <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading>
- ❖ **For your child's safety no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- ❖ Ensure children have their names inside clothes such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- ❖ Children can bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Thank-you for your help and support once again.

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2 Kenya

Ms Lewis
2 Nigeria

Miss Arda
2 Botswana