



YEAR GROUP 2 AUTUMN TERM 2020 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break. We look forward to a busy but exciting Autumn Term.

Maths	During the term the children will be working on number skills such as place value, counting in steps, mental calculations, measures and time. We will also focus on fluency, being able to quickly recall what they have learned. The children will also focus on maths mastery and reasoning, being able to explain and explore deeper maths.
English	During this term the children will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will be encouraged to use correct punctuation and spelling. Each child's reading progress will be monitored every week and the children will also take part in a weekly guided reading session. There will be a daily phonics or spelling lesson and handwriting lessons where the children will be practising correct letter formation and joins.
Geography	In Geography the children will be exploring maps, learning how to draw their own maps and to read them. They will understand and use the 4 compass points.
Science	In Science the children will learn about animals have offspring that grow into adults, basic needs of animals and humans for survival, importance of diet, exercise and hygiene.
Art	In Art the children will be creating self-portraits. They will also explore famous self-portraits of artists such as Da Vinci, Holbein, Van Gough, Rembrandt, Picasso. They will look at the different techniques, shape and tones used.
DT	In DT the children will design, make and evaluate various bread products.
RE	The children will be learning about important signs and symbols for different religions. In the second half of term the children will be learning about the importance of giving linked to the Christmas story.
Computing	Children will be using a variety of software programmes. They will be learning how to use algorithms and code.
PE	The children will start with games, learning how to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points. After half term they will have a dance unit.

PE- Please be reminded that children will must wear their P.E. kit on their allocated days. This should be plain **black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls**. They will also need their Parkside School jumper. No football kits or leggings.

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Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earring should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children must bring a named bottle of water each day which they can refill. Please note the fountains are not in use at this time due to Coronavirus.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of homework will be set half termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us.

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Kind Regards,

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