

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

### Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

**Year group:** 2

**Classes:** Pine, Birch, Elder

**Teachers:** Mr. Law, Mr. Martisius, Mrs. Atkinson

Welcome back. We hope you've had a good Summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. This term your child will be learning:

#### Key Subjects

**Reading** – The children are assessed at the beginning of the year to establish their reading level. The children are then supported or challenged accordingly in whole class reading sessions. They will have a reading book sent home on a Monday for the week. *Please can books be returned every Friday.* Your child will be read with by either the class teacher during a reading session or the teaching assistant in class.

**How to support reading at home** – You can easily support your child at home by reading little and often with your child. Ask simple questions about what they are reading to encourage good understanding. Please check your child's comprehension homework. There are also lots of free phonics resources online that you can access to develop key reading skills.

The following link site has free phonics games: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

**Writing** – We encourage the children to develop a fluent handwriting styles but understand the benefit of practising letter formation and writing on the line. The children will use their understanding of phonics to support spelling. Autumn term spellings will be sent home September 14<sup>th</sup> and children will be tested on each Monday. They will continue with our writing approach of Talk for writing developing the skills to complete a piece of writing at the end of the each unit. We will cover traditional tales, poetry and letter writing taught through the classic story of Little Red Riding Hood.

**How to support writing at home** – Children will be taught the actions to the story and we will be sending home a story map and story that you can practice reading and acting with your child. Encouraging writing on the line and good letter formation is beneficial as it increase fluidity and allows children to write for extended periods without forgetting all of their brilliant ideas.

**Mathematics** – There will be a big focus on calculation and basic number skills as well as reasoning and problem solving in Mathematics through our use of White Rose Maths. The children will be taught place value, money, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and apply this knowledge to solve problems and puzzles.

**How you can help** – Please ensure that your child is learning their 2s,5s and 10s times tables and completing the weekly homework that supports and reinforces the child's learning that week.

**Physical Education** – Year two will cover a range of activities that include sport, fitness and health. There will be one lesson a week which will be **indoor** on **Tuesday**. Children must come into school dressed appropriately for PE and will remain in their PE clothes for the entire day.

#### Topics

**History** -We will be focusing on Bonfire Night and The Great Fire of London

**Geography**– Year two will learn about the Journey of food.



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**RE** – The children will explore Christianity.

**PHSE-** Our focus will be on mental wellbeing, Mind Up and Jigsaw: Being me in my world, and celebrating difference.

**How you can help:** Visit local places of worship, museums, or other places of interest to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of the world around them past and present. Research subjects being taught at school either by using the internet or the library

**Science** – The children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills; observing, measuring, fair testing, recording, and evaluating across a range of topics; “What’s in your habitat?” and “Take care and growing up.”

**D&T** – Our focus will be exploring food and a balanced diet, and manoeuvring mechanisms.

**How you can help** – Encourage them to research topics or make a PowerPoint about what they are studying. If you have time to please try to visit museums, nature reserves or other places of scientific interest to encourage the children to look at science in the world around them.

**Art** – We will be linking our Art topic of the formal elements of art to science and geography this term. Including patterns using natural materials and leaf rubbings.

**Music** – We will be exploring “musical me” and learning about orchestral instruments

**How you can help** – Encourage your children to be creative at home. If they have a special talent encourage them to share it with us at school.

### **Other Information**

**PE Information** – We have P.E twice a week and children will need to come in school PE kits on those days. They will need to wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure they have the appropriate kit for PE on a Tuesday.

**Homework Information** – Homework along with the answers will be sent home on a Monday. There is no need to return the work completed. They will also have a weekly spelling tests which take place on Monday.

**Reading Books-** Will be sent home on a Monday and all will be collected in on the Friday. Books from home can be read alongside the school books to ensure a variety of books are being enjoyed. They will be assessed each half term and moved accordingly.

**School Trips/Visits** – letters for Forest school, pedestrian training and our trip will be sent out nearer the time.

**Class emails:** You can contact teachers via our class emails.

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