



Harvey Road School

Class 2

Summer 2019

Welcome back!

Hello everyone! It's lovely to be back, I hope you've had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the final term in Year 2. It's going to be busy and lots of fun. Here is an outline of what the children will be learning this term. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to me or drop me a note!

Box on bench: Please encourage your child to become more independent in preparation for KS2 by getting them to hand in everything that needs handing in! After half term, we will not be checking book bags!

Other adults: Mrs Gray is the LSA and Mrs Edmunds is the PPA teacher

Homework:

Reading – as normal

Spellings – as normal

Maths or Literacy Homework – as normal

P.E.: P.E is on Monday and Fridays. Please leave the P.E. kit in school. Children need trainers for outdoor activities as I find plimsolls cause injuries! We are preparing for Sports Day and are learning to throw a foam javelin properly.

Swimming will commence after half term and we will be looking for parents/grandparents to support with changing. Please let the office know if you are able to help out.

School Library: The children will visit the library once a week on a Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Jones who has been helping the children change their books.

Our class assembly will be towards the end of this term – I will let you know the date asap. We have one trip booked for the Wednesday 5th May to Bucks County museum to learn about Roald Dahl.

Thank you for your continued support.
Clair Tustin

English

We will continue to have a daily phonics lesson learning more vowel phonemes and their alternatives as well as other spelling rules including adding suffixes to words. Each week, the spellings will reinforce the patterns learnt in class. We will be focusing on 'grammar' work and will be using vocabulary such as: verb, noun, adverb and adjective. See if you can identify these in your reading books.

We will be reading stories, nonfiction texts and poems again this term. Our focus author will be Roald Dahl and Dick King Smith. In written work, the children will be expected to write in more detail using complex and compound sentences and using adverbs and adjectives. We will be using inverted commas (speech marks) and punctuation including commas, apostrophes, brackets and exclamation and question marks.

I am very impressed with how the children have learned to join up their handwriting. Thank you for your support with this.

Maths

In Maths, I will be focusing on division. If you know your times table facts, you know your division facts too. We will also be recapping fractions of numbers, money up to £10, telling the time to the five minutes on both analogue and digital clocks, measuring and capacity.

Fractions of shapes and of numbers will be our other key area. Please start learning some of these facts by heart (e.g double 9 is 18, half of 50 is 25).

We have introduced column addition and subtraction. This is one method we use in class and continue to use in KS2. We have extended to adding and taking away three digit numbers and for combining larger sets of numbers.

We will be drawing our own number lines to help with subtraction sums. We always start with the smallest and work towards the biggest number. Children will be using three digit numbers and be expected to partition them to help solve problems using them.

Science

In Science we will be concentrating on the theme of Growing Plants. Children will be planning a group investigation to find what is needed for plants to grow well. They will use ideas to set up their investigation, observe and describe the growth, record data and interpret the results.

We will identify and name a variety of common plants, including wild plants, garden plants and trees. We will also look at life cycles of plants.

After half term children will identify and name a variety of animals in different habitats and explore the different variations, learning to make careful observations. We will find out about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle and consider what animals need to stay healthy.

Art

Our topic for Art will be printing. We will start using Aboriginal art work as inspiration then go on to printing with various things! We will link this to ICT.

Geography

Children will look at world maps and use geographical vocabulary such as country, continent and Oceans. They will consider why oceans and rivers matter.

We will compare the landscape, weather, animals and lifestyles in India to see differences to where we live.

D&T

Our D&T topic is about puppets. We will be designing and making our own different types of puppets. If you have any puppets at home please bring them. We will then use them for putting on puppet shows and writing play scripts.

Music

Work will involve recognizing and responding to a steady beat and a rhythm ostinato pattern. Children will play these at different tempi on body percussion and instruments. They will sing in two parts, listen in detail to orchestral music, explore sounds and compose music to illustrate a story.

PE

Outdoor PE will be orienteering using our school orienteering posts around the school grounds. We will also be doing athletics and learning how to throw a (foam) javelin properly as well as getting ready for Sports Day!

After half-term, we will be swimming twice a week! Keep your fingers cross for sunny weather!

ICT

We will be using the laptops to find about emailing and blogging. We will be reinforcing the basic skills associated with 'Word' and the internet. We will, of course, be talking a lot about e-safety.

RE

In RE we will look at religious leaders and receive a visit from a local minister to find out about how he cares for people of his faith and in his community. Children will research the role, work and teachings of leaders in the main religions.

Children will consider ideas of God and deeper questions which are connected.

PHSE

Our topics will be 'Relationships' and 'changes'. 'Relationships' will include bullying behaviours and how to cope with these. We will be working on transition so that they are well prepared for being in KS2 in September and that the children are confident and look forward to moving on.