

What are we learning about this term?

Theme

For the first three weeks of the Autumn Term, we are following our 'Recovery Curriculum'. We are focusing on kindness and our new school vision 'Dream Big, Shine Bright'. Our theme for the rest of the term will be 'Indian Spice' and our focus text will be the 'Jungle Book'. We will be exploring the culture, traditions and varying environments of India. We will be locating continents and oceans on a world map and making comparisons between the physical and human features of India and Alcester.

English

As writers, we will;

- Write descriptions about people, experiences and places in India.
- Make written comparisons between locations.
- Write a narrative based on the text 'The Jungle Book' and plan and write our own ending.
- Look at a range of non-fiction texts and write our own wildlife fact sheet.

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Year 2



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Investigate numbers through:
 - Place value
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
- Learn how to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes.
- Continue to practise and be tested on our 'Total Recall' number facts.
- Practise our number bonds to 20 and use these to solve problems.

Science and Foundation Subjects

- As scientists, we will investigate habitats and microhabitats in our Forest School area.
- As geographers, we will:
 - make comparisons between our own locality and that of a non-European country.
 - describe the physical and human characteristics of an area by referring to regions, countries and continents and consider how similarities and differences in environments affect the lives of people who live there.
- As musicians we will play a range of different rhythms on a drum and use it to accompany music using our scheme 'Charanga'.
- As artists, we will be exploring and designing Rangoli patterns and sketching Indian wildlife.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be learning how Muslims live their lives and comparing this to Christianity.
- Through our PSHE lessons, we will be exploring feeling safe, managing worries and being positive towards coming back to school and learning.
- Through our ICT lessons, we will be learning how to use the internet effectively and safely.

Class Routines

- Teams will continue to be used to communicate updates and important information so it is important you are able to access this resource. If you are unsure about accessing TEAMS, please talk to your child's class teacher.
- Weekly homework will now be posted on TEAMS. It will be electronic based to minimise items coming from home into school.
- POWER Project homework will be given out at the beginning of each term and is due to be handed in by the end of that term (Monday 7th December). Please feel free to bring any completed work in before this date to share with the class.
- Every Friday, a list of spellings will be uploaded to Teams to be learnt by the following Friday.
- Books for our online reading scheme 'Bug Club' have been allocated for this term. If you need reminding of your child's login, please leave a note in the planner.
- Athletics activities will be allocated half termly to support the Maths topics taught in class. Please see the Class Teacher if you are unsure of their password.
- Children will not need their PE kits for Dance this term.
- PPA will be on a Wednesday afternoon for which your child will need to wear an outdoor games kit to school (trainers, socks (if wearing tights), blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, and a navy or black sweatshirt as it gets cooler).
- The 'Total Recall' maths facts scheme can be found in the back of your child's planner. These skills will be checked throughout the year, so please support your child in learning their number facts.
- For the Autumn Term, 2O will have Forest School on Mondays, and 2W on Thursdays.
- Your child will have two new reading books to take home per week, and will continue to read with an adult in school. Please remember to return both books the following week so that we are able to exchange them. The focus for reading in Year 2 is ensuring reading is fluent and expressive. Also children must show an excellent understanding of the text and be able to discuss the events, characters, settings and make predictions about what might happen next. It is **essential** that you support your child by reading with them for at least 10 minutes a day.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day.
- Year 2's drop off will remain at 8.50am on the Reception playground and pick up will be at 2.50pm. Please be prompt with these times so that it does not affect Year 1's timings.
- The children will be undertaking their SATs in the Summer Term. Further information about the tests will be given out in due course. They will also have the Phonics Screening that should have taken place in Year 1 in the Summer Term. This will now take place in the second half of the Autumn Term. More information about the Phonics Screening will be available on TEAMS next week.

We have been really impressed by how well the children are settling into Year 2. Thank you for your support, Mrs. O'Hanlon and Miss Witts.