

Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all of your support during the first term. As you know things have been different for all of us however, the children have adapted really well and it's been wonderful seeing their smiley faces and hearing their laughter fill the rooms.

This term our learning will be focused around the title 'Where in the world.' We will be using the book Lila and the secret of rain to support this. Through English the children will be creating post cards, retelling the story and creating instructions. In maths they will be learning about addition and subtraction. They will understand the methods involved in addition and subtraction plus be able to apply their knowledge of place value. Through Science, children will be learning about animals and their habitats identifying where they live and their needs.

Thank you,
Year 2.

Phonics and reading.

You should have received a letter informing you that the children will be completing the phonics screening check in December. This is a government set test that should have been taken in Year Y1. Over the next month we will be sending home various materials for you to help your child. We have shared other ideas on the school website.

Please continue to read with your child and record this in their reading records. During parents evening many of you had questions about the reading books regarding the children changing colours. As soon as your child is familiar with the phonemes (sounds) in the books and fluent they will be given a different one. The books are designed so that the children can succeed using their phonics knowledge and are systematic.

Any questions please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Rudman.

Reminders

Children are not allowed to bring big bags to school.

Please be prompt at dropping your children off and picking them up. Masks must be worn by parents/ carers on the school site.

The children need to be independent in school, for example they need to be able to open any food they bring and tie any laces.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher please send an email via admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk

Key Dates for Year 2

2/11/20 -Start of Term 2

Christingle: We will celebrate on 30th November

Christmas Voice Festival: 8th December

5 days of Christmas: WB 14th December

PE Provision

PE kits must be worn to school twice a week on the days PE is planned for each class. One PE session a week will be completed in the hall and the second will involve the golden mile outside which is weather dependent however we strive to complete this as much as possible. Please ensure your child has suitable trainers for outside as the grass can sometimes be very wet.

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Computing

Children will be taught to:

- Log onto a computer and different programmes.
- Understand and use algorithms.
- Debug and improve algorithms.
- Understand what online bullying is and who to talk to if they need help.

Music

Children will be taught to:

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs.

Science

Children will be taught to:

- Explore and compare between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.
- Identify and name a variety of animals in their habitats including micro habitats.
- Describe how animals obtain their food.

Maths

Children will be taught :

- Addition and Subtraction using 1 and 2-digit numbers.
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Multiplication and Division.
- Position and Direction.

English

Text- Lila and the Secret of Rain

Children will learn how to:

- Use imperative verbs.
- Use different forms of sentences in their writing.
- To use past tense.
- Write for different purposes including retelling a story and instruction writing.

RE

Children will be taught:

- About what we can learn from sacred books.
- What makes places sacred.
- How and Why we celebrate sacred times.

PSHE

Children will be taught about:

- Celebrating Differences.

DT

Children will be taught to:

- Design, make and evaluate a rain stick and African mask.

Geography

Children will be taught:

- To name and locate the continents and oceans of the world.
- To locate Kenya and understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of different areas.
- To explore different cultures.
- To discuss weather and the need for water.