

Year 2 Summer 2 Curriculum letter

Friday 11th June

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term holidays.

Our new topic this half-term is 'Grrr!' and it focuses on children's learning in Science as well as English. As part of this topic, we will be going to Marwell Zoo. Here the children will take part in activities which support their understanding of classification, e.g. sorting animals into different groups such as mammals, reptiles or birds as well as learning about different kinds of habitats, for instance, rainforests, deserts or grasslands.



English

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of different writing genres. They will be choosing their favourite animals and creating fact files, as well as re-writing a familiar story. We will be incorporating previous skills in our written work, such as using a range of punctuation, conjunctions, vocabulary choices and expanded noun phrases.



Phonics

In phonics, we will be consolidating our previous learning and applying different spelling principles. The children will continue to learn more words, which cannot be phonetically decoded. The spellings have been uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these during the course of the half term. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences. If there are still words from the previous lists your child cannot spell, please practise these too. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to practise these words at home. Remember you can practise these words in lots of fun ways, e.g. with water, paint, chalk, felt tip pens.



Reading

Please continue to read daily with your child. Year 2 children will be given a new book every Monday, which they will keep until the following Monday, when it will be changed. Please continue to read with your child from our online library of books. Using the Rising Stars online library. Please read daily and remember to read the same book a few times throughout the week to build confidence and fluency. There are fun quizzes to complete at the end of each book and your child can be awarded with different stars. (If you don't get a star the first time, you can complete the quiz again to get the star). Your child's class teacher will look out for regular reading at home and send out an MME for great effort/participation.



Maths

In Maths, the children will be exploring different concepts in a range of contexts, as well as moving between adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will also be learning about measure. Children will revisit standard units of measurements; e.g. length (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$);



capacity (litres/ml) They will practise choosing appropriate standard units when estimating and measuring accurately, for example, estimating the length of the corridor in metres and the length of a pencil in centimetres, children can check their estimates using metre sticks and rulers.

Wider Curriculum

Our Science will focus this half-term will be on classifying animals, variation, habitats and how animals adapt to their environment. In PE, the children will be taking part in athletics activities and continuing to develop their speed, agility and balance, whilst participating in different activities, e.g. hurdles and ladders. In PSHE we will be exploring the concept of 'change' with a focus on children's next steps in moving to a junior setting. We will be preparing the children for their transition, as well as taking part in other on-going activities which we have prepared with Shirley Junior School.



As part of our on-going transition with Shirley Junior School, your child will receive a login for Timetables Rock Stars. Please encourage your child to practise their 2,5 and 10 times tables on this programme. We would like to encourage you to support your child in becoming more confident in recalling these times tables at speed. This is something the children will be using regularly in Year 3, so it is a great opportunity for them to become really familiar with this programme. We will Marvellous Me you with your child's username and password very soon.

Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us.

To celebrate the children's achievements during their time at Shirley Infant School, we will be holding a special performance. More details regarding this will come nearer the time.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team,

Miss Innes, Mr Hurst and Miss Wilson