

YEAR 2

Classes 2JMe, 2SM and 2JMa

Curriculum Plans for Parents

Summer 2022

English

We will be studying a range of texts including 'What do you do with a tail like this?' and 'Nobot the Robot'

Grammar - includes adjectives, questions and subordinating conjunctions.

Reading focus – clarifying and summarising a text.

Spelling – adding a range of suffixes.

Music

We will be learning about some famous composers and learning an instrument as a whole class.



Mathematics

Ongoing work will focus on mental and written calculations including learning all multiplication and division facts for 2,5 and 10 times tables.

We are also revisiting addition using pictures to represent the maths the children use. We will be learning to tell the time using quarter to and past the hour – this is an area where your child will benefit greatly from any help

Art

Making a clay tile inspired by nature and the work of Andy Goldsworthy.



Science

Living things and their habitats

Learn about different habitats, the animals and plants that live in them and interdependence.

PE

Athletics
Tennis



Design & Technology

Next half term

This half term's topic:
Oceans and Seas



RE

Christianity:
'What is the good news that Christians believe Jesus brings' is the key question for this unit.

Humanities

We will be exploring the five continents and seven oceans that make up our planet. This will include mapping and finding locations.



Computing

We will be using the computers to make music using Chrome Music Lab.

Online Safety: This half term our Year 2 pupils are looking at how to be a good digital citizen.

If you need any guidance on how to keep your child safe online, including how to manage parental controls for their devices, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PSHE

Our whole school JIGSAW topic is: **Relationships**

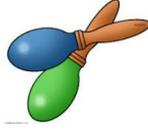
Throughout the term, we will revisit the 'Ten a Day' positive mental and physical health advice.
For further information speak to your child's class teacher.

English

- We will use visual literacy to further develop the children's writing - texts include 'Foodimals'.
- There will be ongoing spelling, punctuation, grammar & handwriting, as detailed above.
- Reading focus – developing retrieval and inference skills.

Music

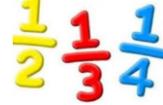
We will continue to learn an instrument as a whole class and discuss our likes and dislikes for particular pieces of music.



Maths

Areas of learning this half term include:

- Position and direction
- Mass, capacity and temperature.
- Measure – length and height.



Art

Lessons will develop skills in colour, line, shape and tone.

Science:

Living things and their habitats

We will learn about different habitats, the animals and plants that live in them and how they depend on their habitat to survive.

We will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, identifying and naming different sources of food.

Design & Technology

Designing and making a 'sea biscuit'. These biscuits will need to 'keep the sailors going' on a long voyage!

Next half term's topic:

Explorers

RE



We will be looking at the question – What makes places sacred to believers with a focus on Christianity and Islam?

PE

Tri Golf – This is a form of mini golf
Athletics – We are looking forward to seeing you at sports day!

Computing

We will be using computer skills to help support learning across the curriculum.

We will be learning to programme using Espresso coding.

Online Safety: We are 'games raters' – learning about the PEGI ratings and which games are appropriate.

Humanities – Explorers!

We will learn about historical and modern-day explorers. Where did they travel? How did they get there and why are their adventures significant?

PSHE

Our whole school JIGSAW topic is: **Changing Me**

Throughout the term, we will revisit the 'Ten a Day' positive mental and physical health advice. For further information speak to your child's class teacher.

How can you help your child?

HOME LEARNING: This will use our **school blog**. It will be set on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Thursday. If you wish to email any work or photographs for us to share, please use:

y2homelearning@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk. We also ask that parents focus on reading with and to their child.

Home Learning tasks: The tasks are linked to all the curriculum areas which are being taught in class and there will be a choice of activities (e.g. make a poster, bring in photos, create a model etc.). Opportunities will be given in school to share their work with their peers. Tasks will include something they will need to write/complete or an active/practical task such as research or discovering something at home. Home learning books will need to be in on a Thursday. If you would like to email your child's home learning, please send to the home learning email address above.

Home learning is due every Thursday either in books or through photographs, objects or discussion.

Reading: Throughout Key Stage 1, children should be reading to an adult on a daily basis. It is also valuable for your children to hear you read aloud and share books together. Each child has a Reading Journal for you to record any reading completed at home. Children should change their books first thing in the morning. For more guidance on how to help your child with reading, please speak to your child's teacher.



Reading at home is really important. Please hand in Reading Journals on MONDAYS

If you have read more than 3 times in a week, and your journal is signed by an adult, you get a ticket and could WIN A BOOK!!

Spelling: Year 2 spellings will be available on the homework section of the Year 2 blog. These will be supplemented during the year with spellings children are learning during the week. Regular spelling practice is key to success in this area. Words will also be set on SPELLING SHED for the children to practise online.

Maths: You can start helping your child by learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and by practising quick addition and subtraction of numbers under 20.

General support for other subjects: You can help your child in all subjects by looking at reference books from the library or using the internet to find out further information. Parents and carers can also be very valuable resources. If you can offer any knowledge, expertise or examples of objects related to our topics this term, please see your child's teacher.



We are always keen to have volunteer readers join our 'Lets Read Together' team. Is this something you may like to do for a few hours a week? If so, please make contact through the admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk email address. Safeguarding checks are required and online training is provided.

PE: A full named PE kit must be in school for the whole week. This consists of a white T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a tracksuit/jogging bottoms for outdoor games. A spare warm top is always a good idea in cooler weather. It is preferable for the children not to wear earrings in school. Necklaces, bracelets and dangling earrings are **not permitted** - studs only please.

BEHAVIOUR: Good behaviour is expected and essential if pupils are able to learn effectively. The 'Golden Rules' underpin the school's Behaviour Policy. This is available for all parents and carers to view on request and is also on our website.

PROBLEMS: If you have any concerns about your child's education please always make contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance. All teachers are happy to make an appointment to discuss worries or concerns. If, however, you have a serious concern and require a meeting, please arrange to speak to Mrs McDonald (2SM) and your next port of call would be Mrs Hackworthy, the Deputy Headteacher.