



Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Our main topic this half term will be **'Nocturnal animals'**. We will be focusing on Geography skills for this topic – map skills including compass directions and field work. Some parents have requested websites for the subjects. These are listed below however they are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Words from the national curriculum statutory word lists. Words linked to alternative phonics and common exception words. (All set on Spelling Shed)</p> <p>Grammar: Consolidating use of full stops and capital letters. Using a variety of conjunctions (for example and, because, but) Using suffixes (for example ed, er, est)</p> <p>Writing: Fiction writing- Wild Non-fiction writing- Information text</p> <p>Reading: Guided reading - focusing on reading skills: comprehension, vocabulary, inference.</p> <p>Handwriting: Correct letter formation and pencil grip. Cursive handwriting focus using the Nelson handwriting scheme.</p>	<p>When reading stories at home, talk about the settings and what the settings have in them. (Vocabulary and description.) Can they create their own story setting?</p> <p>Look at different non-fiction books about animals. Are they all organised in the same way?</p> <p>Practise the correct formation of cursive letters in a neat small size.</p> <p>What are suffixes? - BBC Bitesize</p>
Maths	<p>Adding and subtracting 1 digit and 2-digit numbers across 10. Recognising 2D and 3D shapes and lines of symmetry.</p>	<p>Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk)</p> <p>Maths problems of the week - BBC Bitesize</p>
Science	<p>Habitats Understanding animals and their habitats.</p>	<p>Science Museum Mammals gallery Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk)</p>
Computing	<p>Digital Photography Taking photographs using devices.</p>	
Geography	<p>Maps and Map skills Compass directions and creating simple keys. Visit to Kenwood House.</p>	
RE	<p>Christianity- What did Jesus teach us? Focus: Kindness and showing love.</p>	<p>Being a Christian - KS1 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize</p>
PE	Dance/Gymnastics	
DT	Structures	Designing and making paper structures.



	Building structures with paper.	Paper Structures Engineering Challenge - The Homeschool Scientist
PSHE Scarf Scheme	The children will be learning about rights and respect. Topics include getting on with others, collaboration, feeling safe and looking after the environment.	Remind the children of our school rules be ready, be respectful, be safe.
Music	Carnival of the Animals Composing Music Inspired by Birdsong	Focus: Timbre, tempo, dynamics, pitch, classical music. Focus: Composing using a non-musical stimulus, creating music inspired by birds and birdsong, improvising and playing a solo on instruments.
Mandarin	Numbers	
Trips	Kenwood House St James' Church Jackson's Lane Christmas production.	

The children should bring in **water bottles** every day to keep them hydrated as they learn. They are welcome to bring in their own fruit or healthy snack for break time, however fruit is provided by the school daily. No fruit winders or squeeze pouches please.

We look forward to a happy and successful half term with the children.

With best wishes,

Ms Coburn, Ms Clarke.

Year 2 Team