

Wendell Park Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Class: Year 2 **Teachers:** Martina Sladkova and Nick Morgan

Term: Summer 1

This half term your child will be covering the following curriculum areas:

English

This half term in English we will be reading the book called '**Anna Hibiscus**' (Please do not read ahead!). We are continuing to focus on different genres of writing with a focus on:

- handwriting
- punctuation
- spelling
- expanding noun phrases (describing nouns),
- use of conjunctions (and, but, because, that, if)
- correct spelling of contractions
- correct use of past and present tenses
- use of words with the suffixes: -ly, ness, ment, ful

Children will also have daily Guided Reading sessions, handwriting practice twice a week and weekly Spelling tests.

Maths

This half term the children will be preparing for their SATs Maths assessment which will take place in May. We will revise all areas of Maths (Place value, Geometry, Measurements – money, time, standard units, Statistics, Calculations).

Science – Taking care

This half term our science topic is linked to PSHE. Children will be taught and discuss how to take care of themselves including healthy diet, exercising, resting and staying clean.

Project – 'Spot the Difference'

This half term we will be looking and comparing human and physical features of a location in the United Kingdom and a non-European country. We will link this to our English and the book Anna Hibiscus.

P.E.

Focus this half term is going to be on 'Net and Racket Games', particularly tennis and volleyball and concentrate on gross motor skills.

RE

In Religious Education lessons, we will focus on Buddhism and learning about Important symbols in the Buddhist religion e.g. lotus flower, the wheel the bodhi tree; we will look at key figures in the Buddhist religion (monks, nuns, priests and lay people).

Music

Children will continue to be taught by a specialist Music teacher once a week.

Computing

In computing lesson we will use a programme called Jit5 and children will create their own sorting games using a key.

Other information

- Our PE sessions this half term will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Children need to bring their PE kits **on Monday** and **leave** it on their peg for the whole week.

Children will need to bring **appropriate clothing** for these sessions (in a separate bag to their book bags with the names on) – **Plain white T shirt, black/grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms, black trainers**. PE is a vital part of the curriculum which we want children to be prepared for. **Please make sure that all uniform and PE kits are clearly named!**

- Children will be given 2 homework books (orange for English and blue for Maths) which are to be handed in **by Wednesday**. New homework will be set each **Friday**. They will also be given some spellings to learn each week, please help them to do these in time for our **spelling test on Monday**. Children are also encouraged to read for **at least 15 minutes every evening**.
- Finally, please remember it is important that your child brings **water** that they can drink during lessons. This is one way to ensure that their brains are working to their full potential. Drinking water is not available in either of the Year 2 classrooms so it is really important that your child has a named water bottle with them so that they can stay hydrated.

Thank you for your continuous support and if you have any questions about your child's learning please feel free to come and see us.

Martina Sladkova and Nick Morgan

Year 2 Staff

Martina Sladkova – Sapphire Class teacher, Key Stage 1 Leader

Nick Morgan – Opal Class teacher

Rachida Terzi – Opal Class LSA

Lynda Ayoub – Sapphire Class LSA