



YEAR 2

SUMMER TOPICS

2019

The summer has finally arrived! We have lots of exciting activities ahead of us this term including trips to Roundhay Park and Harlow Carr Gardens. Read on to find out about all the different areas we will be learning about this term and how you can support your child's learning at home.

Maths

- Measure: Mass and Capacity.
- 2D and 3D shapes including their properties.
- Statistics: Tally charts and graphs.
- Position, direction and movement.

Please continue to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and key number facts including doubles and halves.

English

- Modern Stories: The Dragon Machine – Exploring past and present tense verbs. The day the crayons quit – letter writing and different sentence types.
- Information Texts: Non-chronological reports.
- Poetry: Nonsense poetry.

Science

- **What could live in a shoebox?** – A science topic exploring animals, habitats and food chains.
- **Plants** – A science topic exploring parts of plants and how they grow.

Creative Curriculum

- **Which road should I take?** (continued) – Exploring our local area and putting on our own Talbot Carnival.
- **Could you help Wall-E?** – A Creative Curriculum topic about being eco-friendly.

Computing

- Questioning (linked to statistics in Maths)
- Presenting ideas
- Effective searching



RE

- Learning about the festival of Eid
- Learning how to look after our planet

Music:

The Friendship Song: Listen and appraise. Performance: 2 part songs and instrumentals.
Reflect, Rewind and Replay: Composition

PE

Ball games: developing skills for group games
Athletics: developing skills and control in field and track games

PSHE

- Friendships
- Medicines and Me
- Boys, Girls and families.

How to help at home

The children have access to a range of different websites which will support their learning. They should already know their passwords and be able to access these sites but if there are any problems please let us know.

Db Primary – Allows the children to share work with their classmates and teacher, as well as check our class page where there will be links to games that can help to practise relevant skills.

Purple Mash – A learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities. Many children are now using this to complete and share Learning Log work, practice maths skills at home and continue computing work from school.

Bug Club – An online reading programme which allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these. Please make use of this excellent resource!

Reading Books

We expect Year 2 children to read regularly at home and to bring their reading record and reading books on their set days for changing. However, if a child finishes their reading book early, or needs more time to complete a book this is fine. Please encourage your child to share their books with you, read widely (in different genres) and take time to ask them questions about what they have read. We have sent home a bookmark with examples of different question-types to ask; if you need another copy of this then please see your child's class teacher.

Spellings

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will continue to be set a list of words each Friday and these will be focused on in the week's phonics lessons. The children should also practise the spellings at home, as they will be tested on them on the following Friday. It is recommended that a word is practised a minimum of 9 times for it to be stored in a child's long-term memory.

Learning Log

For each Creative Curriculum topic, a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be in the Learning Logs.

Maths Homework

We do not set Maths homework in Year 2. However, we do update DB Primary regularly to inform parents and children of our objectives for the current half term, should you wish to practise these skills through games and activities at home. There are also some links to websites and games that the children can access. Purple Mash also has a selection of Year 2 appropriate games for the children to try.

PE/Swimming

PE kit is needed on:

Wednesdays and Fridays in 2KM and 2CC.

Monday and Tuesday in 2LM.

Trips and Visitors

We will be visiting Roundhay Park in May and Harlow Carr in June. Please look out for the letters and let us know if you are able to accompany us!

Please come along and join us for our Sports Day on the morning of Tuesday 2nd July

Additional Websites

The following websites may offer additional support.

www.uk.ixl.com/ – 10 questions daily covering maths, spelling, and grammar objectives

www.multiplication.com/games/all-games – times tables practise.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> – help and advice on a wide range of school subjects.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> – maths games and advice

<https://www.spellingcity.com/> – a variety of spelling games

<https://nrich.maths.org/14046> - for open-ended Maths investigations and problems