



Wendell Park Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Class: Year 2 **Teachers:** Martina Sladkova and Nick Morgan
Term: **Summer 2nd Half**

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 '**Traction Man**' (Please do not read ahead!). Children will be creating their own settings and stories for the main character and his little friend. They also will write a book review in order to recommend the book to others.

Maths

This half term the children will be working towards greater depth. They will be reasoning through discussion and proving how they solved problems to show greater understanding of numbers and calculations. They will also revisit telling time to the nearest 5 minutes and compare similarities and differences between 2D and 3D shapes.

Science – Materials – Shaping Up

This half term we look more closely at different materials and their properties. Children will carry out some investigations about these and will give their predictions about the changes that occur.

Project – 'Victorian Childhood'

This half term we will be looking at the differences and similarities between the Victorian era and present. Children will compare childhood and the education system *now and then*. They will also learn about Henry Croft and his life.

P.E.

Focus this half term is going to be on Net/Wall Games

- Tennis
- Badminton
- Volleyball

RE

In Religious Education lessons, we will focus on Islam and learning about

- Ramadan (should begin about the same time as this half term)
- Eid al-Fitr (celebration of ending fasting)

Art

This half term we will create scenes for our narrative stories in English. We will complete many activities linked to our topic for arts week.

Music

Children will continue to be taught by a specialist Music teacher once a week and they will explore rhythm.

Computing

In computing lesson we will carry on using Rapid Router and we will look at the story of The Parrots and the Raja. Children then will retell the story by creating their mini slideshow.

Other information

- Our PE sessions this half term will be on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. 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** and returned to the children each **Friday**. Each half term we will set a creative Science or Project related task for you and your child to complete together. 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; also this is one way to ensure that their brains are working to their full potential. Water is **not** available in the Year 2 classrooms and your child is unable to go out of class to get water from elsewhere.

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

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