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Year Two Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear parents and carers of Year Two children,

We hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for another busy year at English Martyrs. All the team in Year 2 are excited and honoured to be a part of your child's learning journey. They will be taught by Mrs Taylor and supported in the classroom by Miss Mountain and Mrs Marson.

Our themes for the two half terms will be 'Pocahontas' which will look at Native Americans and the discovery of North America, and 'Toy Story' where the class will explore how toys have changed through time and also link nicely with our Space Week.

As children learn better when they are well hydrated, we ask for you to send a water bottle into school which is clearly labelled with your child's name. The children will be reminded to refresh their water each morning so the bottle will not be required to go home each night. Milk is available for snack-time, please speak to Mrs Hunter or Mrs Dixon in the office if you wish to pay for your child to have this.

Please also remember that it is essential that each child has labelled indoor pumps as well as their outdoor shoes to change into. If you have not already provided these, please do so as soon as possible. Your child will also be expected to remember their bag and reading books every day.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. On these days, your child will need a clearly labelled P.E. kit in school. This should include black shorts, white t-shirt, pumps and trainers. A tracksuit can be worn for outdoor PE in cold weather. During this term we will be working on our skipping, dance and teamwork skills with lots of fun team games and challenges.

Homework

Homework will be given as curriculum related tasks which will be based on the topic for that half term. Each week your child will be expected to choose one of the tasks to complete. I understand that some tasks will take longer than others and so will not have a set collection date but will still expect homework to be handed in at some point each week.

Reading

Children will continue to receive reading books along with their new reading record books; your child needs to bring these to school every day. Books will be changed when your child is heard read and has finished the book. A box will be provided for your child to put their books in if they wish for them to be changed before they are due to be changed by a teacher. Children are also expected to read books from home, my class collection and the school library. I strongly believe that reading with your child at home has the biggest impact on their learning experience and so hope to foster a love for learning in my classroom this year with a new and exciting reading challenge which will be introduced soon.

I have attached a copy of a topic web, detailing what we will be studying in each area of the curriculum this term. If you have any queries, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment for a convenient time and I hope to see you all at the upcoming Parent Welcome Meeting on 20th September.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours faithfully,

Mrs Taylor and the Year Two team



Science

- Waterproof materials
- Space Week
- Grouping animals from around the world.
- Name and describe a variety of common animals.
- Life cycles.
- Basic needs of animals.

At home: find out about the life cycle of your favourite animal

R.E

The chosen people

- The story of Abraham.
- The story of Moses.
- The story of Daniel and the lions' den.

Mysteries

- Listen and respond to the story of the Annunciation.
- Recognise and describe some signs and symbols of Advent and Christmas.

At home: find out how your family prepare for Christmas or another tradition

Computing

- Basics of how to use a computer.
- Internet research.
- Programmable toys & coding.
- E-safety.
- Online learning journals.
- Comparing old and new technology.

At home: log onto education city and watch the times tables videos

Art / Design Technology

- Colour mixing
- Tracing
- Chalks and pastels
- Famous Artists
- Fimo modelling
- Toy making
- Wigwams

At home: Draw or paint a portrait of a family member

History

- Native Americans
- Influential women from history
- Christopher Columbus & the discovery of America
- Toys children play with now.
- Victorian Christmas toys.
- Look at changes through time.

At home: find out what your parents or grandparents asked for for Christmas when they were young

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Pocahontas



Toy Story



Geography

- Seven continents
- Compass points and directions
- UK countries
- Capital cities of the UK

At home: look at a map, atlas or globe and try to find all 7 continents

P.E.

- Warm up / Cool down.
- Team games; importance of working together.
- Multi-skills
- Skipping
- Dance

At home: practice jumping, hopping or skipping

Literacy

- Recount
- Instruction writing
- Letters
- Diary entries
- Cards and lists
- Biographies
- Narrative
- Space poem

At home: keep a diary for a week or create a Christmas wishlist

Numeracy

- Place value
- Counting; one/ten more and one/ten less.
- Multiplying by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Number bonds to 20.
- Calculations using +, -, X and /.
- Money
- Time
- Fractions

At home: practice number bonds to 20 - how fast can you recite them all?