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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope that you had a lovely Easter with your loved ones.

Topics

Our topics this term are entitled 'Go Wild' and 'The Victorians'. In Term 5, the children will be learning about animals and their habitats around the world. We will also be exploring how the weather can impact animals and can vary from location to location.

In Term 6, the children will explore 'The Victorians', including the role Queen Elizabeth I during Victorian times.

Year Two Summer curriculum

English

In Term 5, the children will explore a range of genres based on our topic, 'Go Wild'. The children are going to explore the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann and write setting and character descriptions, as well as their very own story. They are going to continue to use adjectives, adverbs, similes and a range of sentence types to add detail and description to their writing. During the children's geography lessons, they will be learning about the weather around the world and they will use this knowledge to write their own non-chronological weather reports. Next, we will be basing our imaginative writing around an animation called 'Bubble'. Finally, the children are going to explore language puzzles. They are going to learn about homophones and similes and include these in their own riddles.

In Term 6, the children will be covering a range of writing styles with a focus on their topic 'The Victorians'. The children will use creative and descriptive language to write stories based on the text, 'Anna and Otis'. The children will learn about the life and impact of Queen Elizabeth I in their history lessons and use this knowledge to write facts in the past tense. They will also explore the role of Queen Victoria and compare the two significant figures. Finally, the children will continue to consolidate their learning by recapping the use of adjectives, conjunctions, adverbs, similes and use a range of sentence types and punctuation correctly.

Mathematics

During the summer term, the children will be looking at new topics such as telling the time and reading different scales. We will also be building on their previous knowledge of the following topics, addition, subtraction, number and place value, money, fractions, multiplication and division. They will also be looking at efficient methods to solve problems as well as finding the difference using a number line. We will be following the CPA approach (concrete, pictorial and abstract) in our maths lessons. The children will continue to use a variety of resources from number lines, tens and ones, part-whole and bar models, Numicon and place value counters to support their understanding. We will still be focussing on Times Table Rockstars, as the children should be confident with their 2s, 5s and 10s times table as well as begin to practise their 3s and 4 times tables by the end of this academic year.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In Term 5, the children will be learning about the importance of rights and responsibilities. They will identify actions which can have a positive and negative impact on our lives inside and outside of the classroom. The children will discuss the strategies they can use to help them deal with impulsive behaviour, feeling left out and including others. The children will also learn about basic first aid, including how to make a clear and efficient call to the emergency services if necessary. In Term 6, the children will be learning about the topic 'growing and changing'. They will learn about the changes that have occurred to their development over their life so far. They will learn about the different stages of growth, for example, baby, toddler, child, teenager and adult.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the class blog.

What homework to expect and when

The children will bring home a homework folder, which explains their homework for the week. Homework will be sent home as follows:

- **Spelling-** Your child will bring home spellings in their homework books every other week with a list of spellings to practise. Please encourage them to look at each word, cover it and practise writing it, then check it or use one of the Queensway spelling strategies to learn the new spellings. They will also have a spelling investigation every other week to complete. Regular spelling practise of a few minutes each night will make a big difference to your child's confidence and ability.
- **Maths-** Children will bring home times table practice every other week. They will also have work linked to maths topics covered in class every other week.
- **Reading –** Your child should be reading their book every day as often as possible and it can be recorded in the blue reading record.

Homework will be sent home on **Fridays** and be **due in the following Thursday**.

Ways you can help your child

You and your child would benefit from checking our class webpage regularly to access our class blog (Google Classroom), keeping up to date with any diary events coming up and using suggested websites to support learning.

During this term, your child will be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minute interval. Please consider how you could encourage them to tell the time at home, focussing on: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. It is important that children understand how time passes by using an analogue clock, where the minute and hour hand are clearly recognisable.

PE days

PE will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday, and both are outdoors**. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all of the time.

- **Outdoor kit:** Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers.

Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named and is following our PE clothes policy (plain white top).

Shared lesson and parent exhibition

We would like to invite you to our final shared lesson of the year which will take place on **Wednesday 21st May between 8:45-9:45am**. This shared lesson will have a maths focus and the children will be showing you a range of the resources we use to help us with our Maths! On **Thursday 26th June**, you are invited to our Year 2 Parent Exhibition at 2:00 pm in our classroom. During the exhibition, you will have an opportunity to see lots of fantastic work and find out all about our learning over the year. Your child will be able to show you around the exhibition.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog at: <https://classroom.google.com> or via the app. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

If you have any questions, worries or queries about any of the above or other matters please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Best wishes.

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Class Teacher