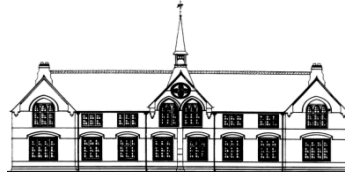


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Year Two



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Dear Parents, Guardians & Pupils,

In conjunction with the new National Curriculum introduced in September 2014, the New Town Primary School curriculum is now taught through 'topics'. Children learn in lots of different ways, and we plan to be able to cater for many varied styles of learning through our curriculum, using a broad theme or topic to link together many subjects. It is proven that where children can make links and connections between their learning and the real world it helps them to become better learners and develop a real thirst for knowledge.

In response to parental feedback we hope to send out a Curriculum Booklet three times each academic year. It not only tells you some more details about the planned curriculum for the term ahead, but also outlines our expectations of learning at home, and shows you how you can help to build further connections and help children to develop a deep love of learning both inside and outside school.

As always, I thank you for your continued support in helping New Town to provide the best education and opportunities possible for our children.

Miss P. Cornish

Head of School



Literacy

In literacy this term we will be learning to recognise and use the features of recounts while writing our holiday news. We will focus on writing in a chronological order using the past tense, and use interesting vocabulary to add variety to our writing. We will then be planning and writing our own non-chronological reports about local buildings. Later we will be writing poetry about the changing seasons.

Science

In science we will be exploring the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited, and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We will also look at how they depend on each other for food and the life cycle.

Autumn Term 1 Year 2 Topic: Houses & Homes



Maths

Our maths lessons will feature lots of practice using physical resources to improve our skills of enquiry. The class will compare and order numbers to 50 and will learn to recognise the place value of each digit. They will recall and use addition and subtraction facts using a number line. They will use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations and will understand the term 'difference'. Later they will describe properties of 2-D shapes, including symmetry.

Creative Curriculum, RE & PE

This term we will be finding out about buildings in our local area and beyond. In art and DT we will be creating sketches of homes and religious building as well as designing and making Tudor homes. In computing we will be learning to save, retrieve, manipulate and print. In RE we will focus on the Harvest Festival and the teaching of Jesus. In PE we will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination in gymnastics and team games.

Literacy

In literacy this term we will begin by focusing on instructions. We will write our own recipes, including one for Gruffalo Pie! The class will then be building up their stamina for writing fiction and organising information using paragraphs, as well as maintaining a strong focus on using a variety of punctuation. They will be writing stories based on Katie Morag. Later we will write newspaper reports relating to the gunpowder plot and poems about bonfires and fireworks.

Science

Our science topic this term will be materials and we will be considering the best plate for a picnic. The children will be asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways. They will use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions, perform simple tests and gather and record data. They will then identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

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Year 2 Topic:
Festivals



Maths

Our maths lessons will continue to feature lots of practice using physical resources to improve our skills of enquiry. The class will practice counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. They will then begin to multiplying and divide by 2, 5 and 10. Later they will identify patterns and sequences involving 2-D shapes. They will look at position on a grid and will describe direction using North, South, East and West. They will recognise and find quarters and three quarters of quantities and will tell the time to quarter past and quarter to.

Creative Curriculum, RE & PE

This term we will focus on celebrations of various religions. In art and D&T we will be using colour blocks in the style of Kandinsky and creating windmills. In geography we will label physical geographical features on a map. In history we will learn about Guy Fawkes and in computing we will be using publisher to write a newspaper report. In RE we will be thinking about Jesus as a gift from God. During PE lessons we will learn dances from around the world.

Reading

- Listen to your child read each night and sign the reading record to show they have read
- Discuss the book with your child and ask questions about what they have read
- Apply reading skills through activities such as reading and following a recipe and reading an instruction manual
- Read age appropriate newspapers or comics together to encourage a love of reading

Language Development

- It is important that children continue to practise their English language skills outside of school, especially during the school holidays.
- Continue developing home language if different to English
- Practise spellings on a weekly basis
- Play games to help children build vocabulary e.g. Boggle, Scrabble, I-Spy, Lotto

Ways you
can help at
home:

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Maths

- Learn number bonds to 20 and beyond
- Practise calculations such as division through sharing out food at mealtimes
- Play board games and other games involving number skills
- Learn about measures through helping with cooking
- Children should complete one maths homework sheet per week to practise ongoing skills

Resources

- Visit your local library which offers internet access and a range of exciting and engaging books for no cost
- There are a huge variety of websites which can support your child's learning
- Please ensure you always supervise children carefully whilst using the internet
 - phonicsplay.co.uk
 - educationcity.co.uk
 - espresso.co.uk
 - bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1