

Years 2 Curriculum Letter – Spring Term 2023- TOPIC – Polar Explorers

Dear Parents/ Carers

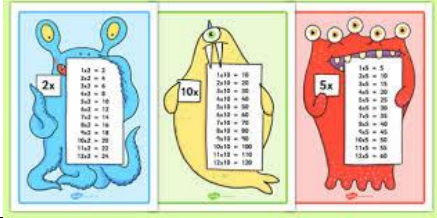
First of all, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for our lovely Christmas cards, presents and lovely messages. We really do appreciate it.

Throughout this term the children in Year 2 will be learning about the following:

Maths Units of work will include; money, multiplication and division, length and height Mass, Capacity, and temperature. The 2X, 5X & 10X tables will be continually recalled and practised. Children will also take part in a daily maths meeting where mental skills are practised and will be working on times table challenges as well as weekly problem-solving maths sessions.		English Units of work will include Poetry: A haiku about birds, explanation text including glossaries, non-chronological reports, narrative: different stories by the same author. Regular phonics, spelling, grammar and handwriting as well as drama are also important aspects of our English work. We will also be completing regular comprehension activities and encouraging the children to write more independently as this is a Year 2 expectation.	
Science We will be developing our enquiry and research skills and learning about animals including humans. We will also begin to learn about animals and their habitats.	ICT We will be exploring questioning and how to search the internet effectively and safely. We will also be creating pictures.	Geography Our Geography unit this term is Magical Mapping which looks at hot and cold areas of the world and developing map skills.	History This term, we will be looking at famous polar explorers. Ernest Shackleton and Felicity Aston.
PE Specialist PE coaches will continue to deliver our PE lessons. Remember our PE day is Thursday. Please ensure earrings are removed for PE lessons.	RE Our work will explore the unit of 'how and why do we celebrate special & sacred times?'. 	Music We will continue to develop our ukulele skills. We will also begin learning colour themed songs for The Infant Music Festival. More details about this to follow.	Art/DT We will be looking at animal themed art and work by the artist Romeo Britto. We will also create our own art inspired by Francois Pompon's polar bear sculpture.
PSHE Themes - Living in the Wider World - What jobs do people do? - People and jobs; money; role of the internet - Health and Wellbeing - What helps us stay safe? - Keeping safe; recognising risk; rules		Topic Enrichment Experience We will 'become' polar explorers when we take part in a virtual reality 'Arctic Experience'.	
Homework: A creative homework menu will be sent out at the start of term and children are expected to complete one piece every 2 weeks.		General Notices: Pupils may come into school from 8.40am. A water bottle is supplied in class for them but you are welcome to send in your own labelled bottle.	

Each week there will also be a piece of English or Maths homework set on Education City.

All children will receive spellings each Friday, to be tested the following Friday. They will also have their times tables challenge to continue working on. (2X, 5X & 10X)



Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, via teacher@hinguar.secat.co.uk or catch the teacher at the end of the school day.

Please wait until the teacher has ensured all children are with their parents before coming to speak to them as this helps to ensure the children's safety.

Please encourage your child to:

Come into school ready to learn.

Be in the correct school uniform.

Be in the classroom by 8.50am.

Read at home to an adult on a daily basis and have their reading record signed.

Complete weekly homework, timetables practise and spellings.

Have the appropriate PE kit on PE days.

Hinguar Stars - READ, READ, READ!

We cannot express enough the importance of reading with your child at this young age. The positive effects are amazing. It increases their vocabulary, confidence and writing.

As an incentive, your child is awarded a weekly stamp in their home-school diaries every Friday. To receive this, the adult at home must hear the child read 5 times per week, and log each time they have read in the reading diary. At the end of the term, if your child has achieved 10 stamps or more, they will receive a badge.

Reading Champion Award

Please note your child can also achieve a Reading Champion Award/Badge if they read 15 books of their own choosing. This record sheet can be found at the front of your child's reading diary, (page 29). They will also need to complete a book review of **one** of these 15 books.