

Years 2 Curriculum Letter – Spring Term 2024 – 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 continue to work on their mental maths skills, learning the facts for the times tables challenges.		English Units of work: We will look at persuasive letter writing using 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and information texts, 'Habitats'. Our poetry unit this term will be based on 'The Desk Diddler' poem. Our narrative will look at a version of 'Little Red Riding Hood.' Regular phonics, 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 develops map skills.	History This term, we will be looking at famous polar explorers. Ernest Shackleton and Felicity Aston.
PE We will continue to have Forest School on Mondays and PE on Wednesdays. Our PE focus this term will be Gymnastics and Invasion games.	RE Our work will explore the questions 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?' and 'What can we learn from sacred books?'	Music Our units this term will be 'I Want to Play in a Band' and 'Zootime' We will also be taking part in the Infant Music Festival (more details to follow).	Art/DT We will be exploring textile art, inspired by Stephen Brown and Landscapes inspired by Ted Harrison. We will also explore printing and pattern work.
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'. We will also have a Polar Workshop Day based in school, more details to follow.	
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 8.35am. A named water bottle should be brought in daily.	

<p>Each week there will also be a piece of English or Maths homework set on Education City.</p> <p>Each Friday, a child who has had their reading record signed 5 times, will be chosen to bring Barney the Book Bear home for the weekend. Barney loves it when people read stories to him!</p>	<p>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 teachers@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.</p> <p>Forest School - Our Forest School Day is Monday. Children will be working outside in all weathers, please ensure they have suitable clothing.</p>
<p>Please encourage your child to:</p> <p>Come into school ready to learn.</p> <p>Be in the correct school uniform.</p> <p>Be in the classroom by 8.45am.</p> <p>Read at home to an adult on a daily basis and have their reading record signed.</p> <p>Complete weekly homework and timetables practise.</p> <p>Have the appropriate PE kit on PE days.</p>	<p>Hinguar Stars - READ, READ, READ!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 their stamps, they will receive a badge.</p> <p>Reading Champion Award</p> <p>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.</p>