

Years 2 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2025 - 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:

<p>Maths</p> <p>This term, our focus will include topics such as Money, Multiplication and Division, Length and Height, as well as Mass, Capacity, and Temperature.</p> <p>We will regularly practice recalling the 2, 5, and 10 tables to strengthen fluency.</p> <p>The children will also continue developing their mental maths skills, focusing on mastering facts for times tables challenges.</p>		<p>English</p> <p>This term, we will explore persuasive letter writing through the book <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> and delve into information texts about Habitats. Our poetry focus is <i>The Desk Diddler</i>. For narrative writing, we will study a version of <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>.</p> <p>Phonics, grammar and handwriting will remain key components of our English lessons. Additionally, we will conduct regular comprehension exercises and encourage the children to develop greater independence in their writing, in line with Year 2 expectations.</p>	
<p>Science</p> <p>This term, we will focus on developing our enquiry and research skills. Our key topics will include Plants and Living things and their habitats.</p>	<p>ICT</p> <p>We will be exploring questioning and how to search the internet effectively and safely. We will also be creating pictures.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>Our Geography unit this term is <i>Magical Mapping</i> which looks at hot and cold areas of the world and develops map skills.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>This term we will be looking at the famous polar explorers, Ernest Shackleton and Felicity Aston.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>We will continue to have PE on Wednesdays. Our PE focus this term will be Gymnastics and Invasion games.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>Our work will explore the questions 'Who is a Jewish person and what do they believe?' and 'What can we learn from sacred books?'</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Our units this term will be 'Glockenspiel world music course' and 'Zootime' We will also be taking part in the Infant Music Festival (more details to follow).</p>	<p>Art/DT</p> <p>We will be exploring textile art, inspired by Stephen Brown and Landscapes inspired by Ted Harrison. We will also explore printing and pattern work.</p>
<p>PSHE Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 		<p>Topic Enrichment Experience</p> <p>We will be taking part in a Conductive music workshop on the 15th January.</p> <p>We will also have a Polar Workshop Day based in school; more details to follow.</p>	
<p>Homework:</p> <p>A creative homework menu will be sent out at the start of term and children are expected to complete one piece every 2 weeks.</p>		<p>General Notices:</p> <p>Pupils may come into school from 8.35am.</p> <p>A named water bottle should be brought in daily.</p>	

<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 take Marvel Monkey home for the weekend. Marvel 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 speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.</p> <p>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>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 times tables practise.</p> <p>Wear the appropriate PE kit on PE days.</p> <p>Learn to tie their shoelaces.</p> <p>Be able to zip up their own coat.</p>	<p>Hinguar Stars - READ, READ, READ!</p> <p>We cannot express enough the importance of reading with your child at this young age.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This record sheet can be found at the front of your child's reading diary, (page 29).</p> <p>They will also need to complete a book review of one of these 15 books.</p>