

# Mrs Turner's Guide to the Curriculum

## General Reminders

A warm welcome to the last term in Year Two – and your child's final term in Key Stage One! They are officially Juniors in training...

Please continue to ensure your child has their reading book with them on a daily basis and homework/spelling books as appropriate. They are becoming very independent when changing their books; thank you for your support with this when they sometimes come home with the wrong one! P.E. will take place on a **Monday**, but trainers should be in school all the time so that your child can play safely on the activity trail and field. Forest School continues on Fridays so please ensure they have appropriate clothing with them.



## Science

We will perform simple tests and make close observations using equipment. The children will use these observations to suggest ideas and answers to questions; gathering and recording data will reinforce their theories!

We will finish the term with a review of all the topics we have studied this year: living things and their habitats; plants; animals (including humans) and uses of everyday materials.

## Our focus/topics

This term, we have two different topics. We begin by finding out what life was like when the Queen came to the throne in 1953. We will learn about changes within living memory and will consider the lives of significant individuals in the past. During the second half of term, we will be learning about the seaside. We will consider the human and physical features of a small area of the United Kingdom, as well as identify daily and seasonal weather patterns.

## Maths

The children will continue to explore problem solving involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) signs. Inverses will be reinforced through addition and subtraction. We will practise writing and telling the time to the nearest five minutes and children will investigate how to choose and use appropriate standard units to measure mass and capacity.

## English

Children will have the opportunity to create extended pieces of writing to combine all the punctuation, grammar and vocabulary that they have been taught so far. They will have further opportunities to plan and edit their work and will be able to write both fiction and non-fiction pieces. Spelling patterns will continue to be taught and sent home. Application of these within written work will take the place of formal testing. Guided reading also continues so all children will work in small groups to respond to a variety of texts. Sometimes, we will hear the children read individually as part of these sessions, too.

## Other Subjects

Our Geography lessons will focus on discovering the human and physical features of a small area of the United Kingdom and learning about weather patterns. History will be enquiry based learning and will be centered on the Queen.

Our Art and DT lessons will include painting a portrait of the Queen and constructing a crown.

In ICT, we are learning to use the laptops and will work with iPads when researching our topics. Your child will continue to take part in RE, PSHE and Music sessions.

## Reminders to Children

- Always have your PE kit in school
- Wellies and forest school clothes in on a Friday
- Remember to bring your reading book each day, your homework/spelling book when necessary and your library book on Mondays



## Homework Arrangements

Your child will receive homework on a **Wednesday** that is due in by the following **Monday at the latest** (before is fine). It will generally be Maths or English, but may sometimes be topic related.

Spellings are sent home on a weekly basis. These reflect the learning that takes place in class and are part of the Year 2 curriculum. We will not formally test the children on them, instead we will look to see that they are applying them to their written work and recognising them when reading.

## This Term's Highlights

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 Sharing Assembly at 2.50pm**

**A trip to Littlehampton in the second half of the Summer term – more details to follow!**

**Please check the newsletter for more details of other exciting events coming up in the future.**

## Useful Books, Websites and Places to Visit

For children:

<http://mathszone.co.uk>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/elizabeth\\_ii](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/elizabeth_ii) (the Queen)

Google Earth for fantastic aerial views of Plaistow and surrounding areas!

For parents:

[www.parentscentre.gov.uk](http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk)

## Questions?

I am always in the playground after school to answer any queries – please speak to me whenever you need to.

If you would like to talk about something in more detail, please make an appointment to see me via the school office. You can also send any non-urgent comments via our office email at [office@plaistowkirdford.com](mailto:office@plaistowkirdford.com)