

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



TERM AND YEAR GROUP

Welcome to Year 2

In Orange Class the teacher is Mrs Oraziotti and the teaching assistants are Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Smart. Mrs Kirk will take the class on Wednesdays.

In Green Class the teacher is Mrs Tribe and the teaching assistant is Mrs Bennett. Mrs Kirk will take the class on Fridays. Miss Clarkson is a Schools' Direct teacher who will be working alongside Mrs Tribe.

Dates to remember for Year 2: swimming will be on Wednesday and PE is on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has the correct named kit in school for these days. We will be holding a hospital day on 8th October as part of our topic on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be asking the children to dress up in doctor/nurse/army outfit. The Year 2 Nativity will be held on Thursday 13th December at 2pm and 7pm (adults only for evening performance). For all other dates, see the school calendar.

English

This half term we are looking at the story 'Funnybones – Pet Shop' by Allan Ahlberg. Later in the term, we will be reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl as our class novel and will use this to help us write character descriptions and instructions for making our own marvellous medicines. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts and writing information reports about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children will receive weekly grammar and spelling lessons and those in need of extra phonics will attend afternoon sessions.

Mathematics

This half term we will be learning:

Number and Place Value: marking 2 digit numbers on a number line, counting in tens from any 1 or 2 digit number, estimating quantities and using knowledge of place value to add and subtract numbers. We shall practise counting in 10s, 5s and 2s. We will begin to use some multiplication using our 10 and 2 times table. We will also revise recognising odd and even numbers.

Addition and Subtraction: We will spend time revising our number bonds to 20.

Money and Measures: We will look at money and remind ourselves of the different coins and use them to make amounts. We are going to solve some money problems and learn how to find change.

We will start using standard units of measure (metres and centimetres).

Explore and Discover – includes science, humanities, music, art and DT

We begin the term by learning about explorers: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will then move on to exploring the topic of Marvellous Medicine through different subjects:

History

The children will be learning about the life and work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Computing

This half term the children will be learning how to undertake programming on screen. They will learn that an algorithm is a sequence of instructions and be able to use them to create simple programs. They will be able to predict what a simple program will do and spot and fix (debug) errors in their programs.

RE

This term we will be looking at Christianity and Hinduism.

PE

The children will be focussing on Games and Dance this term. To improve everyone's fitness we will be going out on our new running track for 15 minutes three times a week.

Music

The children will have weekly singing practice focussing on our Harvest songs. They will begin to learn the recorder, learning songs and notes.

Science

This will be studied after half term and will focus on: human and animal lifecycles.

Art

We will be using our topics of Explorers and Marvellous Medicine to design, create and evaluate relief sculpture and collage using a variety of materials.

How to help your child

Homework

This year the homework will be on a 3 week rotation of reading comprehension, grammar and maths. It will be given in the form of a worksheet or book. It will be set on a Monday and is due back the following Monday. The pages of any book your child needs to complete will be written in their planner. We would like to emphasise the importance of homework and thank you in advance for your support in ensuring it is completed on time and to a good standard in lead pencil (no pens or coloured pencils please).

Spellings: in Year 2, the children will be given a weekly spelling sheet and work to do in a Spelling book on Tuesdays and will be tested on the rule they have learned the following Monday in the form of dictated sentences. They will also receive 3 or 4 common exception words to learn. Please ensure your child has their spelling book in school every Tuesday.

Reading: every day the children will come home with a book to be read to an adult. The children independently choose a book from a selection at an appropriate level (colour coded) for their reading ability on Tuesday and Thursday and will be able to choose their own books from the reading corner on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child reads 5 times a week and you sign their reading record. They will then become a 'rocket reader'!

Helpful websites for home

Neil Armstrong: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zhx4k2p>

Marvellous Medicine topic:

Website: Florence Nightingale: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zsysgk7>

Maths Websites:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=coins>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/telling_the_time/play/popup.shtml

<http://nrich.maths.org/5560>

English- Websites: [Love Reading 4 Kids](#) "Love**reading**4kids has been created to be the ultimate children's online independent bookstore. It has been created using the experience we have as parents and book lovers, who want our children to read great books"

[Books for Keeps](#) Books for Keeps is the UK's leading, independent children's book magazine. It was launched in 1980 and ever since has been reviewing hundreds of new children's books each year and publishing articles on every aspect of writing for children. There are over 12,500 reviews on our new website and more than 2,000 articles including interviews with the top children's authors and illustrators.

[Oxford Owl](#) A fantastic website full of free e-books to read and activities. Lots of Biff, Chip and Kipper stories which the children love. They can turn the pages and complete activities to do with the stories. There are also numeracy activities too.

If you would like to help the class by listening to readers you would be very welcome. Please see the office.

Kind regards,

Year 2 team.