



Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our main topic this half term will be **'Nocturnal animals'**. We will be focusing on Geography skills for this topic – map skills including compass directions and field work. Some parents have requested websites for the subjects. These are listed below however they are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Words from the national curriculum statutory word lists. Words linked to alternative phonics and common exception words.</p> <p>Grammar: Co-ordination and subordination Sentence types</p> <p>Writing: Fiction writing- Wild Non- fiction writing- Information text</p> <p>Reading: Guided reading - focusing on reading skills: comprehension, vocabulary, inference.</p> <p>Handwriting: Correct letter formation and pencil grip. Cursive handwriting focus using the Nelson handwriting scheme.</p>	<p>When reading stories at home, talk about the settings and what the settings have in them. (Vocabulary and description.) Can they create their own story setting?</p> <p>Look at different non-fiction books about animals. Are they all organised in the same way?</p> <p>Co- ordination and subordination: What is a subordinating conjunction? - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Practise the correct formation of cursive letters in a neat small size.</p>
Maths	<p>Adding and subtracting 1 digit and 2-digit numbers and securing number bonds to 20. Performing addition across 10. Reasoning and problem solving.</p>	<p>Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk)</p>
Science	<p>Habitats Understanding animals and their habitats.</p>	<p>Science Museum Mammals gallery Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk)</p>
Computing	<p>Digital Photography Taking photographs using devices.</p>	
Geography	<p>Maps and Map skills Compass directions and creating simple keys. Visit to Kenwood House.</p>	<p>maps year 1 - Search (bing.com)</p>
RE	<p>Christianity- What did Jesus teach us? Focus: Kindness and showing love.</p>	<p>Being a Christian - KS1 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize</p>
PE	<p>Dance/Ball skills</p>	
DT	<p>Structures Building structures with paper.</p>	<p>Designing and making paper structures. Paper Structures Engineering Challenge - The Homeschool Scientist</p>
PSHE/Zones of regulation	<p>Celebrating difference. Bullying.</p>	<p>Remind the children about being kind to each other and treating each other with respect.</p>



Music	Carnival of the animals	Bing Videos
Mandarin	Numbers 1-10 and traditional festivals	

The children should bring in **water bottles** every day to keep them hydrated as they learn. They are welcome to bring in their own fruit or healthy snack for break time, however fruit is provided by the school daily.

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.
With best wishes,

Ms Williams, Ms Clarke.

Year 2 Team