Tetherdown School



Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Our main topic this half term will be **'Habitats'**.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	**Spelling:** Words from the national curriculum statutory word lists. Words linked to alternative phonics and common exception words. (All set on Spelling Shed) **Grammar:** Consolidating use of full stops and capital letters. Using the past tense, present tense and using plural and singular nouns **Writing:** Fiction writing- Wild **Reading:** Guided reading - focusing on reading skills: comprehension, vocabulary, inference. **Handwriting:** Correct letter formation and pencil grip. Cursive handwriting focus using the Nelson handwriting scheme.	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? Practise the correct formation of cursive letters in a neat small size. Verbs and the different tenses - BBC Bitesize Adding -s and -es - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize
Maths	Adding and subtracting 1 digit and 2-digit numbers across 10. Recognising 2D and 3D shapes and lines of symmetry.	Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk) Maths problems of the week - BBC Bitesize
Science	**Habitats** Understanding animals and their habitats. Understanding food chains.	Science Museum Mammals gallery | Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk)
Computing	**Digital Photography** Taking photographs using devices.	
Geography	**Ecosystems** Investigating sustainability Understanding the impact of humans on habitats Explore the local environment	
RE	**Christianity**- What did Jesus teach us? Focus: Kindness and showing love.	Being a Christian - KS1 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize
PE	Dance/Gymnastics	
DT	**Structures** Building structures with paper.	Designing and making paper structures. Paper Structures Engineering Challenge - The Homeschool Scientist

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PSHE Scarf Scheme	The children will be learning about rights and respect. Topics include getting on with others, collaboration, feeling safe and looking after the environment.	Remind the children of our school rules be ready, be respectful, be safe.
Music	Carnival of the Animals Composing Music Inspired by Birdsong	Focus: Timbre, tempo, dynamics, pitch, classical music. Focus: Composing using a non-musical stimulus, creating music inspired by birds and birdsong, improvising and playing a solo on instruments.
Mandarin	Numbers	
Outdoor Learning	We are very excited to continue our outdoor learning programme this half term. We will have timetabled sessions planned by our Forest School teacher Megan Greene. Our lessons will be linked to our National Curriculum subjects.	Explore our local parks and woods and see what you notice or spot about how they might be suitable as habitats for different animals.
Trips	The local area Everyman Cinema – festive film	

The children should bring in **water bottles** every day to keep them hydrated as they learn. Fruit is provided by the school daily.
Please provide your child with a warm, waterproof coat.

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

Ms Clarke Ms. Mc Alister
Year 2 Team