

Mrs Roberts' Class

Year 1 & 2



Curriculum Flyer
Autumn Term 2021



Welcome back! Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas, which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the autumn term. Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further support your child's learning. Our cross-curricular topics this term are **Significant Individuals** and **Festivals/Celebrations**.

Literacy

In line with the national curriculum, Literacy lessons focus on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation, which we tackle through our Pathways to Write, Read and Spell lessons. We will read a range of texts and use these to help form our own pieces of writing.

We have daily Phonics sessions to help with reading and writing, as well as regular handwriting lessons to practise correct letter formation. In Year 2 we will also start to develop our cursive handwriting style. Guided Reading group sessions take place weekly in class.

It is important to listen to your child read and sign their reading diary at least three times a week.

We will change the children's home reading books twice a week on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure children put their books in the purple box on, or before those days in order for them to be changed.



Numeracy

The Numeracy topics taught throughout the year are in accordance with the new national curriculum and are as follows: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position & direction) and statistics.

Quick mental maths and accurate, speedy recall of times tables are promoted in school and should be practised at home. Children will have a times table card at school to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers. They will also have access to the Time Table Rocks website in due course.

Homework

Children will be given homework to complete every two weeks. Homework will be given out on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in by the date specified, usually a week on Monday. Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school.

Science

During practical sessions, children will have the opportunity to develop their investigative skills e.g. identifying, classifying, performing tests with simple equipment and collecting data to answer questions. Topics covered throughout the year include living things and their habitats (plants, animals and humans), using everyday materials and seasonal changes.

History & Geography

In Geography we will explore weather and seasons, as well as starting to develop our fieldwork skills. For History we will learn about significant figures and events from the past, as well as what we can learn from these. Examples of these include Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.



ICT

How to use technology to achieve a goal is something we will work on in ICT lessons, as well as staying safe online. We will be developing our typing skills using Microsoft Word on the school laptops.

PSHE

Keeping ourselves safe and healthy, mentally and physically will be a big focus of these lessons, as well as families, relationships, changing, growing and emotions.

Music and Spanish

These will be taught by the wonderful Mrs Whiteley and Mr Day.

Art/Design & Technology


In Art we will explore how different textures can be created using combinations of tools and materials. We will study an artist and create some art based on their work. In DT we will explore how moving vehicles work and make our own fire engine models!

Religious Education

In RE lessons we aim to understand, describe and compare special ceremonies, festivals and moments in different religions. We ask and answer important questions e.g. what does God mean to Christians?

Physical Education

Children have 2 hours of PE each week, which will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They need to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and ensure earrings are removed.



The Great Wood PE kit includes our navy t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers or pumps, with navy jogging bottoms and a navy jumper/hoodie.

Please ensure your child's name is on all parts of their PE kit and school uniform.

Children need their water bottles in school every day and appropriate items for the weather e.g. sun hat and coat.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything, you can ring to make an appointment on 01538 702355 (Option 4) or email office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk

Best wishes for a happy and successful year!

Mrs Roberts

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&
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