

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas, which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the 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 are World War One and the Platinum Jubilee.

<u>Literacy</u>

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 also develop our cursive handwriting style. Guided Reading group sessions take place weekly in class.

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

Remember that children need their reading books and diaries in school on a Thursday and Friday please. We will change the children's home reading books twice a week on a <u>Tuesday</u> 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 have a times table card at school to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers. They also now have access to the TT Rocks website so they can practise regularly using this too.

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.

<u>Science</u>

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 learn about people, their communities and travel. In History lessons we will learn about main events of World War One through exploring the roles of soldiers, women and animals. We will learn more about the Queen's role and duties, as well as the main events in her life as part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

ICT

This term we will develop our typing skills and use some simple data handling software to make pictograms and bar charts.

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. This term we will also start to look at where money comes from and how to make good spending choices.

Music and Spanish

These will continue to be taught by Mrs Whiteley and Mr Day.

Art/Design & Technology

Our Art and DT work will link to our other subject areas and will include an artist study.

<u>Please bring in an old shirt or T-shirt</u> that children can wear over their uniform for these lessons.

Religious Education

Our important question to consider this term is 'What is the Good News that Jesus brings?'

Physical Education

Children have 2 hours of PE each week, which will take place on <u>Tuesdays and</u> <u>Wednesdays</u>. 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.

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

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

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 <u>office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk</u>

Best wishes,

Mrs Roberts 🙂

