



Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2016



Dear Parents,

The children have settled very well into their new classes and have begun to build positive relationships with other children. During this term your child will be learning:

English: Our Project this term is **Street Detectives**. We will look at a range of genres and text types such as: recounts using adjectives and adverbs of time, captions, questions, instructions and narratives, particularly looking at punctuation and presentation. The children will continue to develop their writing skills through the 'Get Spelling' and RWI programme. The children will practise their comprehension skills by reading and responding to a text. In addition, the children will have spelling homework weekly. These will be sent home and displayed on the classroom windows for you to practise with them.

Big Maths: We will cover a range of topics this half term, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions, which will allow the children to apply the skills taught through BIG MATHS. In order for the children to build confidence and speed when completing the Big Maths Beat That challenges, we would ask you to practise the 'Learn Its' with them. They are also displayed on the classroom windows. These will be sent home by your child's teacher every three weeks. It would be useful to practise the skills they are learning in real life situations i.e.: when shopping (money, counting etc) or telling the time.

Topic: In Year 2, our Autumn 1 topic is **Street Detectives**. This topic combines Geography, English, History, Art, D&T and ICT. We feel that this project is an exciting way for your child to learn about the local community, past and present. It would be useful if you could share your memories of Aldridge when you were young or those of the children's Grandparents.

Science: We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of everyday materials and their uses. We will also be observing and identifying plants found in different habitats in our local community.





 **Geography:** We will be involving the children in fieldwork within the local area. 

 This means we will be taking them on a 'journey' where they will be using and making maps to compare Aldridge past and present. 

 **Art:** The children will be drawing, painting and making collages of views from the local area. 

 **P.E** - We have P.E on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child's P.E kit is in school as they will miss out on these important sessions. All earrings and jewellery should be removed. Long hair must be tied up for safety reasons. All P.E kits should be clearly named and put in a named bag. P.E kits should remain in school and go home for washing when we break up for holidays. 

 **Home Reading Books** -In Year 2 the children will be able to change their books daily. They have a new Home-School Reading Record book which should be filled in every time they read with you. We would encourage you to broaden their reading experience, for example using the Public Library, reading books or reading comics. 

 **Show and Tell:** Each week we will send a slip home to one child per class to inform you of their show and tell date. Please help them to practise their 'speech' for their chosen object. 

 **Homework:** Year 2 homework will consist of: 

-  • Learn Its, every three weeks. 
-  • 6 spellings sent home on Monday these will be tested on Friday. 
-  • Reading books, please share books with your child and fill in the home school reading diaries. 
-  • A homework project. Details will follow shortly. 

 

 Thank you for your support and co-operation 

 Mrs Peters, Mrs Houton and Mr Trivasse 

 

 

 



