

# Les Landes School

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Year 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and you are ready and raring to go for Year 2! The transition from Year 1 to Year 2 has gone very smoothly indeed. The children are already very settled and the hard work has already begun, the children should be very proud of themselves already.

I will be available before school from 8.30am should you need to speak to me. Alternatively, you may arrange an appointment to speak to me in greater depth when it is more convenient. On a Wednesday, Mrs Parker will be taking the class whilst I have my Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. Mrs Parker will also be taking the children on Fridays.

## English

In English this term, we will be reading and writing traditional tales, reading, following and writing instructions, writing stories from other cultures and looking at the features of letters. We will also be writing some poems and reading out some rehearsed poems to the class. The spelling, punctuation and grammar focus this term will be on expanded noun phrases, commas for lists, contractions, homophones, exclamation marks and question marks. We will also continue to consistently demarcate most sentences with capital letters and full stops.

## Mathematics

The units covered in maths this term will be number and place value, addition and subtraction and measurement (money). The children will have a reasoning lesson every week where they will be able to work on making use of all mathematical skills and develop their mathematical reasoning and understanding.

## Other Subjects

In History, we will start our topic on 'Famous People' looking at the influential nurses Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The 'Famous People' topic will run over the year and look at a variety of famous people and the impact and changes their work had on the world.

In our Geography topics, we will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and children's own locality. The children will create their own continents booklet and develop key geographical vocabulary throughout the unit. If you have any pictures of specific landmarks or places you have visited please send these in during this topic.

In Art lessons, we will be learning about choosing, using and mixing our own colours to create quality art work that shows progression in skills. The children will have the opportunity to explore the life and work of key abstract artists and, working primarily in paint, to create pieces in a range of abstract styles.

Our Design Technology topic will be designing and making a textile product by marking out, cutting and joining pieces of fabric. The children will look at a selection of hand puppets to support their ideas and design planning. This work will be linked to our first English narrative unit and offers an opportunity for the children to make up their own play or to retell a familiar story using their puppets.

Signs and Symbols will be our main Religious Education unit. We will be looking at signs and symbols in everyday life, signs and symbols in religion and their meanings. We will also cover the Christian celebration Christmas in the second half of the term.

In Science, this term, the children will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. They will classify different kinds of animal babies, learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care. Focusing on their own experiences, children will explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean, and to take regular exercise.

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In Computing, the children will continue to develop an awareness of the ways in which they can use technology in their lives. This term, they will be developing their presentation skills by creating folders, formatting text, and adding images when using Microsoft Word and Publisher. They will also be learning about Internet safety by beginning to identify possible dangers online, identify unkind online behaviour and knowing when to ask an adult for advice.

P.E days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. The children are asked to come into school wearing their P.E kit with their tracksuit over the top. Please ensure that everything is labelled as the children remove their tracksuit for lessons. The children do not wear their tracksuit for lessons unless it is particularly cold. Shorts must be worn for lesson times.

### **Homework**

**Spellings** - On Fridays the children will be given new spellings to learn as homework. They will be tested on them the following Friday. These spellings correlate to the phonic sound/spelling pattern that they are learning in class and will incorporate spellings from the Year 2 list and the high frequency words which they also need to know. The children have a spelling book. Their spelling score will be recorded in their spelling book so you can see each week's score. I will highlight any errors in green so that you can practice more at home. We will be using the 1 dot, 2 dot, 3 dot challenge element to this where the children decide what the challenge is for them. The spellings will be given to all children and they will decide if they choose to attempt to learn 7 or 10 that week. Two of their spellings will be personal spellings; high frequency words that they don't know yet.

**Nightly reading** - Your child will have at least two group reading sessions during the week, on a Monday and Thursday. They will bring their group reading book home on these days, their Monday book will be changed on Thursday and their Thursday book will be changed the following Monday. In addition to this, I would suggest they either read a book from home or spend 15 minutes on reading eggs. I would ask that you read with your child nightly and record this in their reading record book. **This nightly reading does not only need to be their group reading book.** As the books that your child will be reading are increasing in length and difficulty and I would expect them to take a little longer to read and reflect on the books. Simple reading games such as an 'adjective hunt' or choosing a word and selecting as many alternatives as possible are both simple ways to improve your child's understanding of text.

**Maths** - In the second half of the Autumn term, your child will bring home a times tables homework booklet. By the end Year 2, the expectation is that the children can recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This booklet will support the children in this area and they should complete one page weekly. Before then, please continue to support your child at home regularly with the following objectives below. If practiced regularly this will reinforce the work done in school and support your child's progress:

- Counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0
- Counting in tens from any number
- Point out common 2D and 3D shapes in everyday objects
- Tell the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour
- Encourage your child to recognise the value of different coins and be able to use money to 'buy' things and get change

Should you have questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me, email me or arrange an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

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