

Year 2 Curriculum Information

Term 3

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and we'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year.



A little reminder- now that the weather is much colder, every child needs to bring a warm coat, gloves and scarfs (these need to be named!) into school every day.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of the year 2 team, or leave a message for us on the door in the morning and we will do our very best to help. Alternatively feel free to e-mail us.

2ah@grovelands.e-sussex.sch.uk

2cs@grovelands.e-sussex.sch.uk

2es@grovelands.e-sussex.sch.uk

Our topic and areas for learning this half term



This term the creative curriculum will explore '*Creatures of the Night*' with a focus on nocturnal animals and their habitats.

We will be learning lots of facts about nocturnal animals, doing some factual writing and making information leaflets. We will be reading lots of fact books and the stories *I Want My Hat Back* and *Superbat*.

I WANT MY HAT BACK
JON KLASSEN



SCIENCE: We will be learning about habitats and food chains.

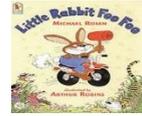


D&T: We will be continuing with our rescue vehicles.

ART: In art this term we will be making a natural woodland collage and making clay models of nocturnal animals.

COMPUTING: In computing the children will be exploring digital photography. This will include using the iPads to take photos and learning how to edit and create different effects and how to insert them into documents.

PHSE: We will be using *Little Rabbit Foo Foo* to support us with friendship and kindness.



RSE: The children will be recognizing and celebrating their strengths and achievements and setting simple but achievable goals.

MATHS AND ENGLISH

Maths and English will be taught daily. English will be made up of phonics, guided reading, drama and a range of factual writing activities. Maths will cover multiplication and division and include weekly times-tables and the 99 club. Children are not expected to reach the 99 club until they are in year 6.

READING:

Although your child's reading book is changed once a week, please remind them, as we often do, that they can also use the books set on Bugclub or even read a book from home!



Growth Mindset

Our whole school learning power for the Term 3 is:

Seeking out a Challenge

and our character that represents that learning behaviour is a **Beagle**.

- Looking for a challenge.
- Working outside your comfort zone.
- Knowing that if it's easy, you're not learning anything new.
- Knowing that you're more likely to make some mistakes trying something challenging, but that's how we learn.
- Having a positive attitude to learning.

Seeking out a challenge



The Grovelands Beagle
Sherlock Bones

CLASS RULES AND YEAR 2 LEARNING PARTNERS

The children in each class have agreed some class rules. This helps them to keep their name on the 'green' area of the class behaviour chart (green is good!).

If the children have shown exceptional behaviour or effort in their work they may be awarded 'silver' or 'gold'. The children will then be given a silver or gold sticker to celebrate this.

Also each week two children from each of the year 2 classes will be chosen as "Learning Partner of the week" and will receive a certificate linked to the learning power for this term "*Seeking a challenge*"

Homework

- Each week the children will be given weekly spellings in an orange book and the times table that they are currently working on in a blue book, which will need to be practised at home.
- The homework books will be given out every Friday and must be returned every Wednesday.
- **READING-** children are expected to read with an adult EVERY night. Reading at home can consist of many genres such as fiction books, information books, magazines, recipes and newspapers. We would be most grateful if you could record the date and title of the book in your child's reading record and initial it or write a short comment if you wish. Reading books are to be handed in every Thursday. New books will be given out every Friday.

- Please continue to access the simple toons on Purplemash. These are a fun way for your child to learn their times tables to a funky beat!



- Bugclub and Phonics bug. Your child has been allocated books at their reading level on Bugclub as well as phonics, spelling and grammar games to play.
- For access to these sites please use the login details on the inside of your child's reading record.



- The children will have an exciting homework grid where they can do an exciting project for each topic for each term. The project can be completed at any time during the term and also handed in at any time during the term.

Year 2 Topic homework grid

In addition it would really help your child's progress if your child could:

- Listen to a story every day
- Read to someone at least 5 times a week
- Learn their spellings each week
- Practise their times tables for 10 minutes 3-4 times a week

Term 1: Colossal Castles and Noble Knights	Term 2: Fire! Fire! The Great Fire of London	Term 3: Creatures of the Night- Nocturnal animals
<p>Design and make a shield.</p>	<p>The Great Fire of London started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. Make some bread at home with an adult. Record what you do using photographs. Maybe you could bring some in for the class to taste?</p>	<p>Can you research the children to focus on to see how nocturnal animals survive and what they do?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose nocturnal animal 2. Make a nocturnal animal (e.g. owl, bat, mole) 3. Describe the animal if it can be tricky to handle (for example owl if it is a cat) <p>You can find some useful information about nocturnal animals on Quora and on YouTube. Challenge: Can you draw and label the animal in a 30 second time limit?</p>
Term 4: Land of the Rising Sun- Japan	Term 5: How does your garden grow? Planting and growing	Term 6: We are paleontologists! Dinosaurs and fossils
<p>Research a traditional Japanese dish. Follow the recipe and make food. Did you like it? Copy out the recipe in your best handwriting. Take a photo or draw a picture of the food you made.</p>	<p>Decorate your own miniature garden. You could make it in a box or a plant pot.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw, design, shape and label a new species of dinosaur to create the 'dinosaur' 2. Design and make a dinosaur mask 3. Build your dinosaur's body out of all things in your bag or play kit to see how it!

ICT, MUSIC and DANCE

On Monday afternoons, the teaching staff in Year 2 will be carrying out planning, preparation and assessment. During this time each class will be taught computing, music and dance on a rotation by specialist teachers.