

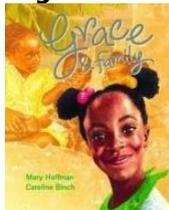
Greenvale Primary School
Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter
Year 2 – Chaffinches

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year.

This curriculum newsletter is written to provide parents with information about what your children will be learning during the term.

Below is a brief summary of the main topics that will be covered this term.

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term will also help children practise their reading comprehension skills, composition, Grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.</p> <p>This term our English lessons will be based around the story 'Grace and Family' By Mary Hoffman</p> <p>Overall Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss themes and issues that arise in this moving story, enabling children to make connections with their own lives. • To explore and develop ideas through talk and to listen to each other's responses. • To develop creative responses to the text through drama, play and drawing. • To write in role in order to explore characters and events <hr/> <p>After half term our English Lessons non-fiction work will include letter writing, identifying features of information texts and style of information sentences. Recounts. In poetry children will look at humorous poems and traditional poems. All lessons will provide opportunities for extended writing, word level skills, comprehension, drama and speaking and listening. Guided and individual reading sessions will address reading skills such as decoding, understanding, text structure and presentation, inference and deduction and writer's language.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Children will be working on their mental maths skills and be tested on these every Monday morning. Children will also have the opportunity to use different approaches to solve mathematical problems in morning maths. They will learn to use patterns in number bonds, use number bonds to solve more difficult additions, to subtract and to solve additions bridging 10. They will learn about 3D shapes and their properties and group them using Venn and Carroll diagrams. The children will use estimation and the children will recap their number bonds from 10-100. We shall then move onto doubling and halving numbers up to 100. Begin to mark numbers on a landmarked line, compare and order numbers, using < and > signs, find 10 more and 10 less than any 2-digit number without a number square. Add and subtract 2-digit numbers; Solve addition and subtraction problems using concrete and pictorial representations; Add several small numbers spotting near doubles or pairs to 10- 100, Find the totals of coins and ways to make an amount</p> <p>It is important children continue to recap their number bonds to 10/20 and learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This is essential for the SATs tests in May.</p>
<p>IPC</p>	<p>Science: Super Humans</p> <p>Your body is a bundle of bones, muscles, senses and nerves all connected together</p>

	<p>to make you a human. But do you know how these parts of your body work with your brain? Let's find out.</p> <p><u>In Science, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What the main external parts of the body are called •What the five human senses are •How we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch •How the brain connects to other body parts •How to eat healthily and get enough exercise •How and why we use medicines •Why body hygiene is important <p><u>In Technology, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How to plan and prepare a healthy meal <p><u>In International, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What malaria is and how we can prevent it <p><u>Science: Freeze it!</u></p> <p><u>In Science, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All about ice and water •At what temperature water freezes •How long ice takes to melt •What happens when we freeze other liquids •How we can turn ice into a healthy food •Which materials will keep ice cool <p><u>In Technology, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How to design and make an ice-cooler <p><u>In International, we'll be finding out:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •About the differences between hot and cold countries
ICT	We shall follow the 'Switched on Computing' scheme of work- Our first topic will be 'We are Photographers' Children will be taking digital images and manipulate them using a variety of software packages. After Half term our topic will be 'We are Detectives' children will solve an in class mystery using email.
PSHE	Children will explore the themes of 'Respect and Honesty' through activities and class thinking time. Children will also have reflection time in whole school assemblies.
RE	Hinduism and the home
P.E	Children will have trampolining on a Wednesday and Gym/Dance on Friday
Music	Singing- rhythm and pace will be taught by Mrs Francis.

During the term, it is likely that at some point you will need to get in contact with a member of staff. We ask that you avoid the mornings as these are when we are usually busy preparing the classroom for the day ahead. However, if it is urgent, please do not hesitate to speak to the teaching assistant when they collect the class from the playground in the morning. Please also make use of the class wallets located directly outside the classroom to leave a note for a member of staff.

If you wish to speak with a member of staff about your child, the best time to do this is directly after school. We do however ask that you try to avoid a Wednesday as this our day for staff meetings.

Finally, we do provide parents with our email addresses. Please feel free to write an email to us and we will do our best to get back to you promptly. Please note that emails may not necessarily be checked or responded to immediately but will be checked regularly during the week.

Uniform

At Greenvale, we have very high expectations for uniform. If for some reason your child is unable to wear an item of school uniform, please ensure that your child's class teacher is notified on that particular day.

Reading

It is expected that you will read with your children each night. Please discuss the book with them to help to develop their comprehension skills. Children will participate in guided reading sessions whilst at school and can change their home reading book as appropriate.

During the term the children will take part in our '7 before 7 competition'. The books on our list are: The Day the Crayons Quit, Fantastic Mr Fox, Amazing Grace, Flat Stanley, The Magic Finger, The Tear Thief and Gorilla.

Maths

It is important children know addition and subtraction facts to 20 and 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In mental maths children need to find 10 more and 10 less than any 2-digit number off by heart, this skill will help your child to solve 2 digit addition and subtraction confidently. Later in the term we will be learning to tell the time. The children need to know half past, quarter past and o'clock times. You may want to buy a watch for your child!

Without an understanding of these key facts, your child will find accessing the maths curriculum difficult without securing this knowledge. I would therefore ask that you work with us and ensure that these are practised regularly at home.

Please continue to work on these at home with your children. This also applies to those who already have received their gold award.

Homework

Spellings will continue to be issued on a Wednesday and tested each Monday. Homework will also be set on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed and returned the following Monday.

Please note that it is the child's responsibility for this to be completed and that if there is ever any uncertainty, they need to speak to a member of staff so that we are able to discuss this with them.

Stars are rewarded for the effort that each child has put into their homework. At the end of each half term, the children with the highest number of stars will receive a certificate and will also be named on the school newsletter.

PE

We have Trampolining on Wednesday and Gym/Dance on Friday.

For both of these sessions long hair must be tied up and earrings must be removed.

If for some reason your child is unable to partake in P.E, parents will have to provide a note explaining the reasons as to why.

Trips

During the Autumn Term we will be visiting the church as part of our RE topic on Christianity.

In the Spring Term we will be visiting the library for Story session.

Finally in the Summer Term will be visiting Brighton as part of our IPC topic. The cost of the trip is reduced dramatically if we can raise enough money in our cake sales to put towards the transport, Sealife Aquarium workshop and ice creams.

Please note that there may be an opportunity for parents to attend a visit along with the class at some point during the year. As this can often be quite popular, names will be placed into a hat and chosen by the children.

Volunteers

At Greenvale, we are incredibly lucky to have so many parents and volunteers who are able to give up so much time to help out in class. If you are able to help out in class, please get in contact via email so that a suitable time can be arranged.

Items needed

Please can you continue to send your children in with boxes of tissues for use within class. We would also appreciate any donations of small gifts (note pads, crayons, colouring books etc) for Year 2's treasure box, felt tips, small lego.

Yours sincerely,

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