

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017



Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,
It's been a very exciting start to the term so far and we are all looking forward to a very successful year. The pupils have settled in well to their new classrooms and are quickly learning the Year 2 routine.

So far this term we have started reading 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl and investigated a crime scene in the playground. We have also been working hard in Maths and are learning all about place value and calculations for addition and subtraction.

In Geography we have been learning about weather and the seasons. We are looking forward to setting up our own weather station so we can measure and record the weather.

We are also really looking forward to our class trip to the Natural History Museum, where we will be taking part in a Super Stegosaurus activity!

Thank you for your continued support.

From Mrs Walker, Mrs Balcombe,
Miss Chamberlain and Miss
Lewis.

What we're learning this term:

English: Our key texts are 'The Magic Finger' and '10 Things I can do to change our World'.

Maths: We will focus on place value, calculations and applying strategies to solving problems.

Science: Animals including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats.

History: Dinosaurs, Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins and The Great Fire of London.

Geography: Weather and the seasons.

Art/DT: Sketching and painting dinosaurs. Making clay sculptures of dinosaurs.

RE: The Christmas Story and Why did Jesus Use Parables?

PE: Tag rugby and dance.

Computing: Basic computer skills, how to use the Internet safely to carry out research.

Music: Singing and Christmas Performance songs.

Coming up soon!

- o Mini-beast workshop on Friday 29th September.
- o Phonics and Handwriting Workshop on Thursday 21st September at 7.00pm
- o Trip to the Natural History Museum- Orchid and Lavender on Wednesday 8th November. Daffodil and Foxglove on Wednesday 15th November.
- o Parent Consultation Meetings on Wednesday 18th October from 4.30 - 7pm and Thursday 19th October from 3.30 - 6pm.

How to help with your child's learning

Regular reading has a strong impact on learning in other areas of the curriculum. Please read at least 5 times a week with your child and record comments in your child's Reading Record. The emphasis is on reading and understanding a text so please talk to your child about what they are reading.

There is an emphasis on cursive handwriting and good presentation in Year 2. Please support your child in holding the pencil correctly and in forming letters neatly when completing homework.

Mental maths is something that you should be practising at home. This could include counting in 2s, 5s and 10s or number bonds to 10 or 20.