



# Curriculum letter - Jazzy Bears and Turtles

## Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to teaching your children. The beginning of a new year is always exciting and we have lots planned for this year. This term, we will be covering all areas of the Key Stage 1 curriculum through exciting and engaging cross curricular activities. Our topics will be; 'Out of this World' and 'Back to Earth with a Bump!'

In English, the children will have the opportunity to write in a variety of styles including; stories, recounts, poetry, fact files, postcards, letters and conversations. The children will learn to use and understand features of non-fiction texts, and develop comprehension of fiction through the stories we read as a class and in guided reading.

In Maths we will be investigating number, shape, space and measures, and handling data through a variety of activities. The children will be exploring number order and patterns, working out calculations using the four number operations, naming 2D and 3D shapes and looking at their properties, comparing and using measures and telling the time using an analogue clock.

### Topic work

Our Science topic this term is 'Amazing Materials'. The children will be learning about different materials and their properties as well as carrying out various science investigations.

In History the children will be looking at the history of space travel and learning about Neil Armstrong. Whilst in Geography they will be learning about our World, looking at the UK, continents, seas and oceans.

In other areas, children will be learning basic computer skills in Computing, such as logging in, using a keyboard and mouse control using paint programs and devices including tablets and BeeBots. Computer safety and coding will also be taught. The children will be using a variety of media to create Art, and in DT they will be designing and creating their own space vehicles. In PE, development of skills and control will take place in a range of games, gymnastic and dance lessons. In Music, the children will explore



sounds and duration as well as learning to play the recorder and percussion instruments. Our RE this term concentrates on Christianity and in PSHE we will look at ways to get along with and respect each other.

Miss Ryan and Mr Everett will be teaching Spanish and PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Jazzy Bears will usually do PE on Wednesdays and Fridays, and Turtles will usually do PE on Mondays and Fridays. We recommend that the children leave their PE kits at school and only take them home when they need washing in the holidays.

We will send reading books home on a daily basis. These will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It would be wonderful if you could find quality time to hear your child read every day and to discuss the text with them. Please sign the yellow reading record book each time you do this. We will send English and maths homework on a Friday, this is due back by the following Thursday. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday for the children to learn for a test the following Monday.

We will be having our usual parents evenings when you can discuss your child's progress with us. However in the meantime if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to come and see us. We are always available after school.

Thank you,

Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs C. Bedford and Miss J. Turner

