

Together we will master...reading:

- In year 2 we will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We will be practising retrieval questions and sequencing stories.

Together we will master...writing:

- Poems: Nonsense and limericks - linking to science
- Narrative: Familiar settings - linking to geography
- Recount of personal experiences - link to The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

Together we will master...maths:

- This half term we will be consolidating subtraction and addition.
- Learning how to use methods for division and multiplication.

Together we will master...science:

- We will be learning about animals including what they need to survive.
- What animals need to grow.
- We will be learning about animals and their offspring and the different types each animal has.

Together we will master... Geography

- We will be exploring the human and physical features in our local area.
- Knowing where I live in relation to the world.
- Using maps to plan a route.

What can you do to support your child?

Practise times tables/ weekly spellings

Read with your child at least three times a week

Ask children questions about the book they have been reading

Encourage usage of Times Table Rockstars, Maths Whizz, bug club and Purple Mash

Together we will master...Computing

- We will be learning how to use safe engines safely and make music using technology.

Together we will master...design and technology:

- We will be making animals with moving joints.

Together we will master...music:

- We will be listening to, appraising, and playing along to music from the Motown genre.

Together we will master...RE:

- Children will consider and evaluate - Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

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Together we will master...PSHE:

- We will be learning about similarities and differences and celebrating them.
- The difference between right and wrong and how to keep myself safe.
- What a stereotype is and how they can make people feel.

Together we will master...PE:

- Dancing with fierce dynamics and using strong facial expressions

Year routines:

- **Homework** – Pupils will be sent homework on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday.
- **Spellings** – these will be given out every Monday and the children will be tested on Monday of the following week.
- **Home reading** – every child will have a school reading book, in a Griffin book bag which must be returned to school every Friday, a new book will be sent home on Mondays only. We expect children to read at home daily. Please ensure reading records are dated and signed by an adult.
- **Purple Mash** – Children all have a personal log in which allows them to access a range of learning activities at home.
- **Times Table Rockstars** - Children have their own log in for this APP allowing them to practise their tables at home.
- **Water bottles** – Please ensure your child has a **clear water bottle, containing only water** in school every day. This must be taken home every evening to be washed and re-filled.
- **PE** - is on a Thursday. PE kit will be provided by school. Please ensure children have suitable footwear. Long hair must be tied back, and jewellery removed. If wearing tights, pupils will need a pair of socks.

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