

Together we will master...Reading:

- Enjoy reading, discussing and answering questions about the story – The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda and David Armitage.

Together we will master...Writing:

- Recap back to basic skills in writing
- Learn the features of the genres we study
- Write character and setting descriptions
- Create explanation texts.

Together we will master...Maths:

- Numbers to 100 –place value, comparing and ordering numbers, counting in steps of 10, 2, 5 and 3
- Addition and Subtraction – number bonds to 20 and 100, add and subtract using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mental strategies.

Together we will master...Science:

- Identify what humans need to survive
- Explore the importance of exercise and hygiene
- Identify the amounts of different foods we should eat
- Learn that humans have live offspring that grow into adults.

Together we will master...Computing

- Create computer programmes using algorithms.
- Debug simple programmes
- Build on prior understanding to create more complex programmes.

Together we will master....History

- Look at changes in our local area over time.
- Create timelines
- Compare changes over time.

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Together we will master...Music:

- Appraise music from the South African genre.
- Play tuned instruments and improvise to create music.

Together we will master...RE:

- Explore Christianity and what it means to be kind to both Christians and ourselves.
- Retell a Christian story.

What can you do to support your child?

Practise times tables/ weekly spellings

Read with your child daily

Ask children questions about the book they have been reading

Encourage usage of Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club and Purple Mash

Together we will master...Art:

- Explore who Van Gogh was and what his style of portraits are
- Draw our own self portraits
- Create different strokes using a paintbrush
- Appraise work created by an artist and ourselves.

Together we will master...PE:

- Develop our throwing, catching and aiming skills through invasion games
- Dribble and pass a ball with accuracy.

Together we will master...PSHE:

- Discuss what a learning charter is and write our own
- Know what rights, responsibilities, rules and consequences are and how these help us
- Understand how the choices we make affect ourselves and others.

Year 2 routines:

- **Spellings** – these will be given out every Monday and the children will be tested on Monday of the following week.
- **Home reading** – reading will continue on Bug Club and children have a log in for this. We are updating our reading scheme, for home reading books, more information will follow. Books will be sent home as soon as possible.
- **Homework** – Pupils will bring home a Big Maths Beat That challenge sheet every Monday. Please work through the questions with your child and support them in solving them as these link to the CLIC sessions we deliver in school.
- **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 the times 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** - Our day for PE is Thursday. Children need to come to school in their full PE kit including trainers, warm jogging bottoms and a warm top. PE will take place outside. Long hair must be tied back, and jewellery removed.

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We would like to welcome to Mrs Hardwick, who will be working in the Y2 team and across the school.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Remember to keep an eye out for 'Marvellous Me' messages and pictures on the school's Twitter page to see what we have been doing.

Please keep the office up to date with any changes to your contact information. 01482 794122 or griffinenquiries@vennacademy.org