20TH April 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

**YEAR TWO SUMMER TERM CURRICULUM COVERAGE LETTER**

Welcome back, we hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break. We have had a very successful autumn and spring term and we are very much looking forward to the exciting, final term ahead. Learning in Year Two will continue to be supported by Mrs Brown, Mrs Lee and Miss Cox.

At St Nicholas CE Primary Academy, we follow the International Primary Curriculum for topic work which meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and it subject coverage, providing a more holistic approach to learning.

Our School Value this Term is friendship. We will be focusing on this as a school in Class teaching and in our whole school worship.

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| **Maths**  In Terms 5 we will focus on position and direction, problem solving and time, we will focus on these areas ensuring that the children are able to deepen their understanding through problem solving with a focus on using efficient methods.  We will learn:   * How to use key vocabulary to describe movements * Describe turns * Follow directions * Describe and continue patterns * Addition and subtraction of numbers up to and beyond 100 * Partition into tens and ones * Multiply and divide using groups * Time to o’clock, half past, quarter past and to * Time to the nearest 5 minutes * Compare and solve missing number problems   In Term 6 we will focus on measure and investigating all areas covered this year, we will focus on these areas ensuring that the children are able to deepen their understanding through problem solving and using their skills to reason and explain answers.  We will learn:   * Measuring weight and capacity * Comparing weight and capacity * Solving problems involving weight and capacity * Investigations relating to number, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measure, statistics, fractions and time   **Children will need to be able to recall facts to 10, 20 and 100 quickly to support their learning. Please ensure the children continue to learn their 2/3/5 and 10 times tables** |
| **English**  In Term 5 we will be using our Topic of Treasure Island to support our writing. During the term we will learn about imperative verbs when giving and writing instructions. The children will begin to know how to retrieve information by note taking about pirates in order to create their own information text and will decide how to organise their facts collected. All the information they collect will support their understanding of pirates will aid writing in depth stories. They will extend their vocabulary by writing pirate themed poetry focusing on using a range of adjectives and similes to describe. This term there will be a great focus on the children proof reading and editing others and then their own work in order to make the writing even better. Their main focus will be to check the punctuation and the spelling especially of common exception words.  Within the daily SPaG lessons the children will recap vowels and consonants, short and long vowel sounds in order to apply spelling rules when adding suffixes to the ends of words. The main focus of the term will be on accurate spelling and the children will not only look at spelling rules but recap the spelling of both year 1 and 2 common exception words.  During guided reading the children will continue to develop their understanding of a text and use a number of strategies when tackling a variety of reading comprehension questions.  Remember: **Busters Book Club every Wednesday!**  **We really want you to read every night with your child for 10 minutes, this can also include you reading to your child so that they gain enjoyment from a variety of books.** |
| **Science**  In Science Year Two will be learning about Animals including Humans.  In more detail we will learn how to:   * *What a life cycle is* * *Observe and record the life cycle of our caterpillars changing into butterflies.* * *Experiment on what snails prefer to eat.* * *To understand what hygiene is and how to be hygienic.* |
| **Religious Education**  This term we are looking at the importance of understanding a respect another religion. We will be learning about the Muslim faith Islam.   * + - * Understand that they have important people called prophets and that some of these are also found in the Christian faith.       * We will know that they call God Allah.       * Be able to say what the five pillars of wisdom are.       * understand that the special book of the Islamic faith is the Quran       * Know than the special place for prayer is a Mosques and understand how Muslims show that pray is special to them. |
| **Topic – Treasure Island**  We are learning about pirates, through our treasure island topic this term, see the curriculum letter for this term.  This term we are learning:  • About the islands that you find around the world  • About the names of places that pirates travelled  • About the islands that make up the UK and other locations, and the different features you see there  • About the weather and climate in different places that pirates visited  • About how pirates navigated around the world  • How to plan a pirate island  • How to give directions using a map  In Art, we'll be finding out:  • About different coin designs  • How to design, create and evaluate our own pirate coins  • How to design, create and evaluate a treasure chest |

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| **PE**  Games indoors and outdoors will be our focus for PE this term. This will involve ball skills, team games and improving their own individual skills. The children will need to have their PE kits in each week on Tuesday – remember to take earrings out please! | **Computing & E-Safety**  E safety remains a focus for each term. We will begin with this focus and then learn how to move Bee-Bots with precision. Children will also be collecting information using digital methods and working with the program 2Simple to create pictures and moving images. |
| **PSHE**  Our theme this term is ‘ . We will be linking this to our Christian value of Friendship, focusing on how we can achieve our goals and combat any obstacles in our way. In term 5, our topic will be ‘It’s Good to be Me’ | |
| **Other information**  **The end of KS1 assessments will take place throughout the month of May as normal classroom practice. More details of how this will be organised will follow.** | |

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the homework /reading diary or in person.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lilly, Mrs Darling and Mrs Firth

**Year Two Class Teachers**