

PE KIT must be in school every day, children will need an indoor and outdoor kit this term. Children will be participating in games and dance. Please ensure children do not have earrings in on PE days.

2P: Monday and Tuesday

2S: Thursday and Friday



Welcome back! We hope you were able to enjoy lots of festive celebrations and treats! The children have really enjoyed talking about their Christmas break and it's lovely to hear about some of the magical opportunities they have experienced. The curriculum opens with 'Pole to Pole – learning factual information as well as participating in exciting practical activities and investigations. Children will be exploring the Antarctica and Arctic environments, understanding geographical features as well as exploring the animals that live in these extreme conditions along with explorers that went on arctic adventures. Homework is crucial and we expect it to be completed and handed in on time. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence. This term will include Maths, English, spellings and timetables as well as reading their reading books daily.

Topics for Term 3 and 4

1: Pole to Pole (geographical features, animals and habitats, explorers, states of matter)

2: Back to nature (healthy lifestyle, growing and life cycles)

Reading Books – These need to be in school **daily**, but will be changed every Tuesday and Thursday. The curriculum suggests that children keep their books for longer and really get to know it well, as well as revisit books they have read before. This helps future develop your child's comprehension skills. However, we will expect your child to change their book on these days.

Spellings – will be set on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. I advise they use a Look, Cover, Check approach as set out (attempting the joined up handwriting) mixed in with chanting. This makes it more exciting.

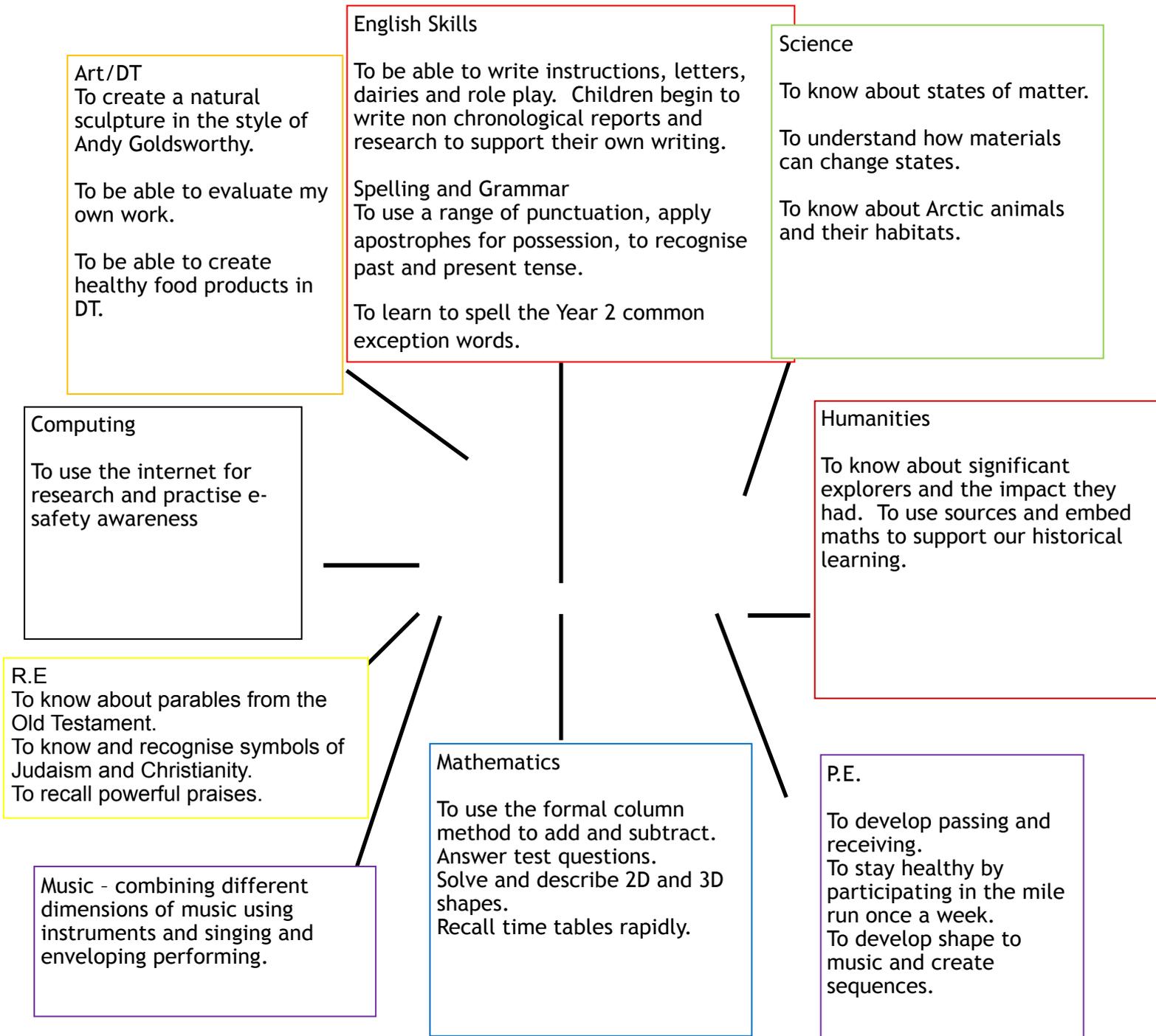


Times tables will be tested on a Friday. They will need to be able to know them all ways, i.e. $4 \times 3 = 12$, $3 \times 4 = 12$, $12 = 4 \times 3$ and $4 \text{ 3s are } 12$. They will be quizzed in this way. This term the focus will be learning 2, 5 and 10 time tables out of order and beginning to learn the $\times 3$.

Year Two Curriculum

This is the final year of the Key Stage One curriculum for your child. In May your child will participate in Government tests called KSI SATs. There will be more information about these later in the year. Please do not be concerned about these.

Curriculum over view



PSHE

Children will be exploring the PSHE curriculum through the headings of:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World.

Much of this is discussed during our reflection times, in which children are given the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings and whilst listening to others. There will be a real focus on relationships and setting and working towards goals. These link to our whole school core values.

If you want to support your child further please explore the following websites over the term.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zcrvr82>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/science/changing_materials/play/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zmq6sbk>

http://www.mad4maths.com/3_x_multiplication_table_math_game/

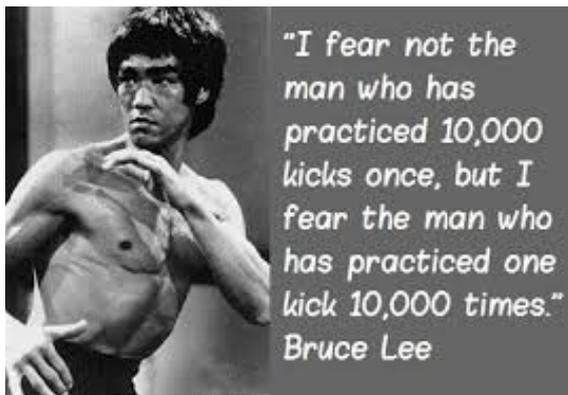
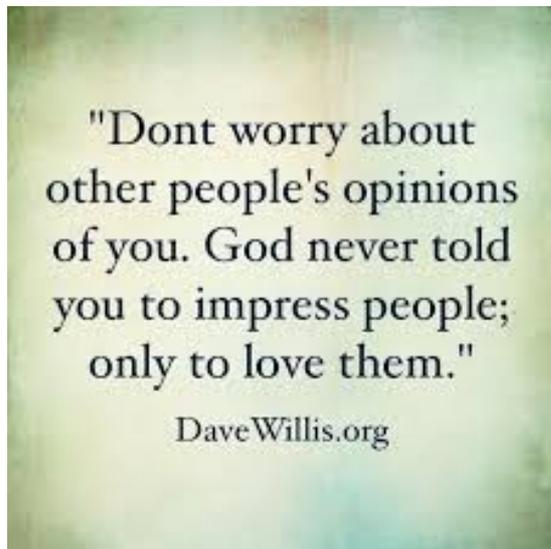
The spring terms are extremely exciting, as children often make huge progress steps in these months and really start to show their true potential in many aspects. Children are becoming more independent in their learning and we look forward to them suggesting learning ideas and interests. We hope to go on a trip this term and will require numerous parent helpers, more information to follow. We also plan to arrange a parent workshop to invite parents to discuss the SATs test and to have the opportunity to purchase practise books. Please do speak to us if you have ideas, questions or concerns over your child. There will be a focus on sports again this year, it would be lovely to see any certificates or awards your child receives, so please do bring them in. Remember to inform us of any changes in circumstances and please ensure the office have up to date contact details.

Please remember to wear black shoes to school. Also can we remind parents to ensure they are aware of their children using the internet and remind them how to stay safe.

We look forward to working with you and value your support and feedback.

The Year Two Team.

Some quotes for discussion:



Dates:

On Tuesday 31st January, Year 2 parents will be invited to a SATs meeting to discuss the upcoming tests.

We hope you can attend.