



Wingate School Tenerife

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 (April to June 2022)

A Message from Miss Stobbs and Miss Styles:

Welcome to a mask-free, closer to normality Summer term! This term's newsletter will give you an insight into the Year 2 curriculum areas that will be covered and provide you with a detailed overview of what the children will be learning across the key core subjects. For further information, there is also an overview on the website for all subjects. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best wishes,
The Year 2 Team!

General Information:

- PE: Thursdays
- Afternoon activities: Fridays
- Home reading books will be changed twice a week, **if** your child has read three times at home.

Other information:

During Year 2 the children will be provided with more opportunities to access work on the computers. Aside from weekly Computing lessons, we will occasionally use the Chromebooks in the classroom. In order to do this, the children need to know how to be safe online and on the computers. Therefore, the children will be introduced to the E-safety platform 'Gooseberry Planet' over the term. The lessons will give them a variety of information around keeping themselves safe when they are using technology, including: People online, personal information, perfect passwords and fake profiles.

Maths

We are beginning the Summer term with **Fractions**. Throughout Fractions we will be learning the appropriate vocabulary and what it means. The children will be taught how to find, recognise and make fractions, as well as build an understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. Additionally, during Summer term 1, we will be covering the area **Measurement: Length and Height**. The children will be taught the following skills: choosing and using appropriate units to estimate and measure length and height and comparing and ordering length and height.

Later in Summer 2, **Position and Direction** will be an area that we cover. As part of this, the children will discover how to order and arrange mathematical objects into patterns and sequences, as well as use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement. Then moving on to **Measurement: Time** where we will learn to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour, to show the given time on a blank clock face and understand the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day. Finally, we will end this year by learning all about **Measurement: Mass, capacity and temperature**. The children will be taught how to choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure mass, temperature, capacity to the nearest appropriate unit, using a variety of equipment and be able to compare and order the units appropriately.

English

To start the term, we will be reading and learning 'The Snail and the Whale' written by Julia Donaldson. This will involve learning some new vocabulary and using drama to help us remember it before planning and writing our own **adventure story**. We will continue to learn and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar skills including expanded noun phrases used in descriptions; punctuation needed for writing speech; and conjunctions used in compound sentences.

During the second half of the term, we will be reading and learning how to write **letters and postcards**. In order to do this, we will need to learn the features of letter writing and draw upon our own personal experiences. Additionally, we will read examples of **rhyming poetry** and practice performing them before using them to help us to plan and write our own poems.



What can you do to help?

While we do not set official homework in Year 2, we expect each child to read at home, with an adult, at least three times a week. Children have been given books in class, but all reading, whatever the source is an invaluable learning experience. Text content should be discussed with an adult and recorded in their Reading Records.

Additionally, children are expected to practice their weekly spellings every evening for a minimum of 10 minutes.

Online Learning:

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the school may be instructed or make the decision to go to online learning at short notice. During this period, Year 2 will continue to be taught the planned curriculum as much as possible. Your child's class teacher will provide the usual timetable and deliver the lessons online from the Google Classroom, which can be accessed with their emails and passwords.

Topic

In Summer 1, we will be discovering all things **Planet Earth**. We will be starting this topic by looking very close to home... Wingate! The children will learn about the **history** of Wingate in the last 20 years and interview one of our very own members of staff who can tell us everything that we need to know. We will then progress this further by looking at the **geography** of the school, create our own aerial map and key of part of our school and develop skills for using maps. Finally, we will extend map skills further by recapping our knowledge of the continents around the world and looking at hot and cold climates.

Throughout Summer 2, we are looking at **Castles**. In this topic we will be discovering all about the history of well-known castles, knights and attacks and defences.

Science

During the first half of the Summer term we look at the **Environment**. The children will be introduced to the ecological challenges that face the modern world. Children undertake a range of activities that challenge them to engage with environmental issues and to understand the simple changes we can make to live more sustainable lives. Throughout the unit, learning is closely focused on the Working Scientifically strand of objectives, providing a range of opportunities for children to apply practical scientific methods and skills.

During the second half of the term we will look at important **Scientists and Inventors**. We will learn all about famous scientists and inventors linked to the Year 2 science curriculum. Children will learn about the invention of the waterproof coat, and will explore other waterproof materials by carrying out simple tests. Children will also find out about the work of doctors, and will learn about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman doctor in Britain. Throughout the unit, children will work in a fun and hands-on way to learn about scientists and inventors.

We hope this provides you with solid information about our curriculum this term. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer term.

The Year 2 Team!