

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL



KS1: Year 2 Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Summer Term 2018

Children at the heart of all we do!

This Curriculum Statement can be accessed on our School website:
www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the Summer term.

Year Two Staff:

Teachers: Ms Phillippo (2PH), Miss Champion (2C),
Mrs Hussein (2H), Miss Pearce (2P)

Teaching Assistants: Miss Talia (2PH), Ms Chang (2C),
Mrs Mustafa (2H), Miss Smith and Miss Hasan (2P).

Additional staff: Ms Vollans (Rainbow Class Teacher) supported
by Ms Turner.

Head of Department: Mrs S. Ackroyd

What we are learning this term

English:

In the first half of the term, teachers will be working hard to prepare the children for SATs. Children will attend their RML or Literacy class daily as usual and the focus will be on developing their reading comprehension skills. We will be teaching and revising strategies with the children on how to read for meaning and to answer questions about what they have read. For writing we will start looking at independent story writing before moving on to poetry including alliteration and nonsense poems.

How can you help your child?

As always it is important to read with your child every day. It is vital to ask your child questions about their book, to check that they can remember and understand what they have read. Please ask your child's teacher for ideas if you are unsure of the kind of questions that could help your child.

Mathematics:

We follow the Enfield framework alongside White Rose Hub which covers a range of mathematical skills including calculating, measuring, money, time, data handling and shape. Again, the first half of this term will focus on preparing the children for SATs. This means we will re-cap the skills and knowledge the children have acquired so far in Year 2, then work on using and applying this knowledge to solve problems and answer questions that are presented in different ways. The children will be developing their thinking skills and we will be encouraging them to show and explain *how* they have found an answer.

How can you help your child?

You can help your child by practising number skills across the four operations: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Missing number sentences are a good way to check whether your child has a good understanding of the operation e.g.

$24 + ? = 38$ $? - 15 = 12$ $? \times 5 = 20$ $15 \div ? = 3$

Topic:

During the first half term, our topic is history based and children will learn about people in the 'Stone Age'. We will also be making comparisons with their lives today and look at the many changes that have taken place over the last 100 years, for example we will ask how technology has changed with electricity. After Half Term, our topic will be 'Environmental Explorers', which is a Geography topic that focuses on our local environment and early mapping skills. We will also be looking at the human and physical features of the UK and comparing them to those in other countries. Our trip to Walton-on-the-Naze will allow us to look more closely at the UK seaside, and study the human and physical features there.

Homework:

As always, each Friday your child will receive Maths and Literacy homework and spellings to learn. It is important that your child completes their homework every week and returns it to their teacher by the following Wednesday. Please support them to learn their spellings for a test on Thursdays or Fridays (check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure when the spelling test will be). In addition, your child will be given a new reading book each week and this will come with homework. Please ensure your child's reading homework is completed by the set day and sign their reading record each week. It is important that children bring their Book Bag to school **every day!**

SATs:

As you know the children will be completing their SATs tests in the three weeks before the half term, from the 8th May. **Please do not worry about the SATs** – the Year 2 teachers will do all we can to make them as stress-free as possible for the children and we prepare them as much as we can. If you were unable to attend the Year 2 SATs meeting please check the Family Zone on the Wilbury Website to see the Year 2 SATs Meeting power point.

P.E. Kit: Your child will need a PE kit in school at all times—navy shorts, white t-shirts and plimsolls, all named in a PE bag on their peg. PE kit—as well as all our school uniform—is available from the office once you have ordered online via the website.

JEWELLERY: Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery to school.

Only a small watch and stud earrings in pierced ears are permitted for safety reasons.

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Photographer: Tuesday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Summer Term Closures:

- Thursday 3rd May – Polling day
- Friday 4th May – Staff training day
- Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday
- **Half Term:** Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

ACTIVITY & DEPARTMENT DATES:

- **Year 2 SATs:** 8th May- 25th May
- **Year 2 Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze:** 26th June

Last Day of Term:

Friday 20th July - close at 2.00 p.m.