

## Park School Parents' Curriculum Forecast - Michaelmas Term 2010 - Year 2

### Please read this in conjunction with the Parents' Handbook

In Year 2 **Literacy** we will be studying, discussing and writing about a range of poetry and stories in familiar settings. Formal English exercises in comprehension, spelling and grammar will also play an important part, as will creative writing based on the literacy texts and the children's own experiences. We will also introduce 'Big Writing' where the children will create extended pieces of writing focussing on specific areas of literacy and take part in book week activities.

This term in **Numeracy** we will be working particularly on ordering, adding and subtracting numbers up to 100, sequences, odd and even numbers and shopping (adding bills and receiving change). The children will learn to count in 2s and 10s and experience doubling and halving. They will also record and use information in tables and graphs, and learn to measure accurately. Other investigations include 3D shapes and units of time. There will also be weekly Mathletics.

Our **Science** studies this term include finding out about health and the growth of animals and humans. We will also learn about forces and movement.

In **History** the children find out about Guy Fawkes and the 'Bonfire Plot'. They will also learn about the significance and importance of Remembrance Day.

In **Geography** we will compare our locality with an island home and use maps to plot a selection of locations and routes around the world following the exploits of Barnaby Bear.

In **Design Technology** we will study and make toys which have winding mechanisms.

In **Art and Craft** the children will learn what makes a good picture using cameras, and study photographs as a basis for their work. They will continue to extend drawing and painting skills as well as working on a collage. Some festive creations can be expected later in the term.

We shall be studying "Beginnings" in **Religious Education**, which includes new friends and new challenges. The children will also learn about the Torah and why it is important to Jewish people. "New Beginnings", "Getting on and Falling out" and "Say No to Bullying" will be included in **Personal and Social Education**.

In **Music** the children will learn songs, which accompany their topic work. They will play along using percussion, learning to appreciate pitch.

The French curriculum is under review.

**Information and Communication Technology** skills will be extended as the children become more familiar with the keyboard, using the computer for word processing, artistic design and the internet.

**Physical Education** work will emphasise learning to balance and "travel" involving a variety of gymnastic moves. Games lessons will encourage the children to practise ball skills as well as chasing and dodging techniques, all of which they can use in a variety of team games.

If you have any questions about this document or other matters please see Mrs Cooper, Mrs Moyse-Bartlett or Miss Bush.