



UKS2 Curriculum Workshop



Welcome!

Welcome to our UKS2 Curriculum Workshop and thank you very much for taking time to come and support your child's progress at school.

We will have time for questions at the end and all staff are happy to give more information if required.

Please don't feel you have to take notes – this presentation will be shared on Dojo.



Agenda

We will give you a brief oversight of the week and homework expectations and then discuss in more detail the following:

- KS2 SATS
- Relationships and Sex Education – RSE
- Online Safety and social media

There will be time at the end to answer questions relating to these and other topics.



Curriculum Overview

Every week, we aim to teach:

- 5 English lessons (either text-led learning, grammar and spelling, or independent writing)
- 3 guided reading lessons – with time for independent and 1-1 reading with an adult (some children will also use the Accelerated Reader scheme and use this time for online book quizzes)
- Regular weekly handwriting lessons (we use the PenPals scheme of work which you can look at online, website or hand-out),
- 5 maths lessons, plus weekly arithmetic sessions.
- 2 PE lessons (which may include swimming or dance)

In addition, our broad and balanced curriculum offers opportunities for extended writing, reading and maths in other subject lessons.



Children ready to work.

- Attendance is key! Remember our government target is 95% but we would like all children to aim for 100% attendance.
- English or Maths are taught as the first lesson of the day so coming to school on time is really important. Lessons start promptly at 9am and lost learning time has a negative impact on progress.
- Healthy diets make healthy minds – breakfast and packed lunches are essential for concentration in school. Please visit the government website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> for further information.
- Exercise aids concentration too – ask your child if they've done 'Smile for a Mile' this week.



How can you help?

- Read!!!!
- Talk about stories.
- Share stories.
- Sign their reading diary.
- Practise times tables and mental arithmetic regularly.



Homework.

- Weekly homework tasks – TTRS, Spelling – this will be coming soon.
- 5 times weekly reading challenge.
- Accelerated Reading – quizzes can be taken at any time, as soon as children have finished their books.



Handwriting

- Children in KS2 are encouraged to join – therefore is an expectation that they will demonstrate this.
- We use the PenPals scheme
(<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/education/penpals-handwriting>)
- Please help your child with their pencil grip and letter formation.



Reading

- Weekly library slots mean children can choose a free choice book from the class or school library – this is in addition to their levelled reading book.
- Comprehension activities
- Love of reading
- Class Story
- 5 x a week read at home
- Parent Reading mornings



SATS



End of KS2 Statutory Testing

- All children will participate unless they are working below the Key Phase Level (Y2 or below) and have an EHCP / SEND Plan.
- There is a statutory testing timetable – exceptions are normally overturned so no medical appointments please!
- SATs in Grammar and Spelling; Reading; and Maths (3 papers)
- Additional Teacher Assessment on independent writing.



SATs Timetable

- Monday 13th May 2024 – Grammar and Punctuation Test (45 minutes) and Spelling Test (20 minutes)
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 – English Reading (60 minutes)
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 – Maths Arithmetic (30 minutes) and Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)
- Thursday 16th May 2024 – Maths Reasoning (40 minutes)

Testing begins promptly at 9am, so punctuality that week is essential!

To support this, Y6 will be offered a free breakfast club place on SATs days – more information regarding this will be shared closer to the time.



How you can help at home

- **Practise times tables** this helps with so many topics and will be an essential skill
- Telling the time
- The ability to estimate
- To use maths in a real life contexts such as cooking or shopping
- Units of measure and converting between these including metric and imperial
- Read daily and ask comprehension style questions / take AR tests
- Practise spelling
- Support with homework – please ask class teacher for methods if you are unsure



RSE



Relationships and Sex Education

- This is a statutory part of the KS2 curriculum.
- Lessons form part of the curriculum for both Science and PSHE. Year 5 and Year 6 will be taught separately for PSHE and boys and girls will be in separate rooms, as per government guidance.
- Further information can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools> or at
<https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/>



Relationships and Sex Education

The key aims of SRE are to:

- Provide accurate and relevant information about the physical and emotional changes that children and young people will experience through their formative years and into adulthood;
- Establish an awareness of the importance of stable family life and relationships, including the responsibilities of parenthood and marriage;
- Foster self-awareness and self-esteem;
- Develop a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and others.



Relationships and Sex Education

All teaching materials are appropriate to the age and emotional maturity of the pupils concerned and the teachers will aim to present the programme in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner.

The programme will cover:

- Love, Marriage and Relationships
- Puberty
- Menstruation
- Personal Hygiene
- Reproduction



Online Safety and Social Media



Online Safety

This is an increasingly worrying topic for parents as the use of online platforms and social media spreads. Here are some things you can do:

- Talk to your child about online safety;
- Talk to your child about wellbeing, body image and healthy lifestyles;
- Set parental controls;
- Check your children's devices, set boundaries and screen times;
- For more information, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/&advice>.



Social Media

We promote our school values constantly, especially Respect, Kindness, Empathy and Inclusion.

In addition to established fears related to online safety, unfortunately, sometimes on social media, children can be exposed to unkind comments – cyber bullying.

Please remember social media guidelines set age restrictions: the minimum age for most networks is set at 13-years-old, though some networks will give a minimum age of 16, and some will stipulate age 18 or over.

At times, fallouts on social media spill over into school – please contact your class teacher immediately if you think this may be happening or if you experience any unpleasantness at home.



Useful Websites

www.sumdog.com – tailored maths games for children

www.transom.org – national curriculum levelled maths activities

www.nrich.com – Cambridge University problem solving for KS1 and KS2

www.ixl.com – online sample questions for all maths teaching strands.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk> – includes educational games for maths and English

<https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/> Useful website for all things related to PSHE, puberty, healthy relationships etc.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools> - statutory guidance relating to RSE

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/&advice> – information regarding online safety and social media



Questions?



Thank you for coming.