

# CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 2 - Spring 2



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## Exwick Heights Primary School

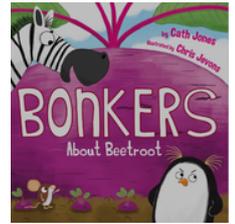
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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 2 pupils,

In **English**, we will write our own text based on the book 'Bonkers About Beetroot?' Sunset Safari Park could be in danger of shutting down! Zebra and his friends try to think of how to save their home but they might have to go a little bonkers! Children will write their own story based on the structure of this text. We will also write an information text based on a book 'Cars and Trucks', looking at headings, subheadings, captions and labels.



**Supporting learning at home:** encourage your child to write in clear, coherent sentences with letters on the line, finger spaces and correct letter formation. Please encourage your child to practise any new spellings set using 'Doodle Spell'. There will also be English tasks set through 'Doodle English'.

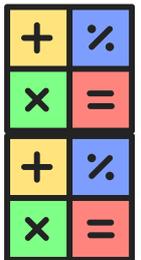


To help prepare for our KS1 SATs, the children will now begin whole-class reading sessions exploring longer texts with a focus on comprehension. The children will read a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and answer questions showing their understanding of the texts.

**Supporting learning at home:** please continue to support your child by reading with them at least 15 minutes every day, particularly focusing on their Little Wandle book, which they should be able to read fluently. Please also remind your child to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes on their library books at home; these can be completed with an adult reading the questions aloud. Year 2s should reach 50,000 words read!



In **Maths**, we will be focusing on money and fractions. The children will learn how to find fractions of amounts and shapes, with particular focus on halves, thirds and quarters. Our previous work on division will support this. Using coins and notes, the children will learn to make the same amount with different coins as well as finding change.



**Supporting learning at home:** completing the weekly Doodle Maths assignment will greatly support the work your child is doing in class. They can also do the extra 5-a-day questions to boost their knowledge.



In **Science**, we will be learning about **Plants**. We will investigate, observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants; this will include nurturing our own saplings! We will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow/stay healthy.

**Supporting learning at home:** you could plant some seeds at home and watch their growth. You could also go for a walk in a woodland and look for different types of trees and flowers.

We will be finding out about the '**Rainforests**' in **Geography**! We will learn about layers of the rainforest as well as comparing rainforest and temperate rainforests. We will also look at the advantages and disadvantages of tourism as well as the reasons to reduce deforestation.

**Supporting learning at home:** did you know that Lydford Gorge stays green and full of life nearly all year round as it is a temperate rainforest, a habitat that is becoming increasingly rare in the UK? You might like to take a trip there to explore our local rainforest!



REACH THE HEIGHTS



In our **Physical Education** sessions, we will throw a variety of balls and equipment, working on our hand-eye coordination and balance. In gymnastics, we will develop body management through a range of floor exercises. We will use core strength to link recognised gymnastic elements and we will attempt to use rhythm when performing gymnastic sequences.

**Supporting learning at home:** do encourage your child to be active outside school, too! Physical activity is known to have great benefits for both our physical and mental health. You could do this by joining one of Exwick's sports clubs, such as Rugby or Gymnastics.

Our **PSHE** focus for the first part of the term is **Healthy Me**, where the children will explore different emotions and how to recognise them. We will also learn strategies for keeping calm. As part of the unit, we will learn about medicines, how they keep us healthy and also about staying safe.

**Supporting learning at home:** discuss emotions and how they can make your body feel. Talk about ways that you use to stay calm and try them together.



In **RE**, our focus is **Why does Easter matter to Christians?** We will look for signs of Spring and religious symbols of Easter. We will explore the Easter story and develop our understanding of how this is an important time in the Christian calendar, linking back to our earlier learning about being a Christian in Britain today.

**Supporting learning at home:** when you are out and about, look for signs of Spring and new growth.

In our **DT** sessions, we will be looking at **Moving Monsters**. As part of this we will identify the correct terms for levers, linkages and pivots. We will also analyse popular toys with the correct terminology. Children will create functional linkages that produce the desired input and output motions and they will use all this knowledge to help them to design monsters suitable for children.

**Supporting learning at home:** look at toys and other objects that have moving parts. How do they work?



In our **Music** sessions, Mrs Mabin will be teaching Ukulele to Year 2. The children will learn about how to hold the instrument correctly and how to produce different notes. They will learn some simple songs and you may be lucky to get a performance!

**Supporting learning at home:** listen to pieces of music that include ukuleles - what do you like about it? Can you tap or clap to the beat of the music?

We hope you are raring to go for the second half of the spring term!

Home Learning: All 'core' home learning will be checked on a Friday, with time scheduled in the day to share and celebrate any 'Curiosity' tasks completed. If you would like to email anything to share in this session, please use the [admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk) address.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email [admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk); your query will be passed to them. If you have any concerns or want to bring something to our attention, please do contact the Year Group Lead - Mrs McDonald.

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