



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2021

10/09/2021

Dear Parents,

A new school year is here and with it comes a new chapter and a very warm welcome to Nawimbe class (year 2) at Sir Harry. We hope you all managed to relax and enjoy the long break. Please meet the year 2 team Mrs Midian (Class Teacher), Mr Patrick (TA) and Miss Chifundo (TA). We are so excited and looking forward to work in partnership with you to make lasting learning memories and to have a great year ahead. Please find below a brief outline of what your child is expected to learn this term and exciting routines we have planned for the autumn term.

OUR TOPIC

Our class text is: The magic faraway tree by Enid Blyton.

Our topic this half term is Nature and we will focus on taking care of our world. All subjects will be linked somehow to it. We will be looking at different ways we can take care of our environment and looking forward to giving our input to protecting our world from pollution.

In Literacy – During this first half of the term, we will be revising phoneme sounds therefore daily phonics practice will be done in class for 15mins. All skills will be applied to their topic writing as they practice writing recounts, narratives and non-chronological reports on Nature.

In Mathematics – This term in maths we will be looking at number and place value, addition and subtraction, money and multiplication and division.

In Science – Children will be looking at plants. They will be observing and describing how seed and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will also find out and describe what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

In Geography – Children will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of Sir Harry's school and it's grounds. They will also look at key human and physical features of it's surrounding environment.

In ICT – Children will be using computers to make multimedia text and images.

In History – Children will be looking at events beyond living memory.

In RE – we will be looking at Hinduism and its teaching about nature.

PSHE – The children will be looking at new beginnings.

In Music – Focus will be on performing with a good sense of beat and rhythm; change the tempo or dynamic while playing an instrument.

PE – Swimming and sports are an important part of the curriculum and educates pupils to lead active and healthy life style developing skills that'll equip them for life. Please be informed that your child needs to bring their swimming and sports kit in school every Monday and this includes a white T-shirt, white short and sports shoes. The kits return home for washing on Wednesday. If in case your child is unable to take part in PE please state reasons for that in writing.

In Art and DT – In Art, children will be mixing colours, paint within lines, use the colour wheel and using water colours. In DT, the children will be looking at textiles.

HOMEWORK

In year 2, homework will be given every Monday and is expected to be done and will be recorded on the homework chart in school. Please make sure to observe due dates. Reading book, weekly spellings, Maths Monkeys, Teddies and Spelling Spiders homework will be sent home Monday and reviewed on Thursdays and changed if need be. Please note that children will begin to work on their 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x time tables. They will have other random maths and an investigative activity linked to our topic will be sent home too. Your continued support will be appreciated.

It would also be highly beneficial if you take the time to read with your children every day for at least 20 minutes as this will not only improve their reading but also their writing skills.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that school day starts every day promptly at 7:30am and still ends at 2:00pm. The. It is crucial to your children's education to be at school on time as all our core subjects (Literacy and Mathematics) begin at that time. Children will not be allowed to come into school after this time. Due to Covid-19, the many changes across the school are still valid. All children from prenursery to year 2 will be dropped at staff car park close to their various classrooms. Those with siblings in Chiradzulu class will be picked at staff car park and the rest will be picked at the main car park down. Please do not let your child/children out of the car, a TA will come and do a temperature check and guide them to their classroom door where they will wash their hands and go in class. Please be informed that Wednesdays will be clubs day so your child will stay back till 3pm. Please pack an extra snack for this day.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Please, see below our weekly timetable.

Sir Harry Johnston International School

Nawimbe Timetable

Term 1 2021/22



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 – 9:00	English	Maths	English	Math	English
	Guided Reading	One to one reading	Spelling/Handwriting	Spelling/Handwriting phonics	Spelling test
9:00 – 9:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
9.30 – 10.45	Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths
	Phonics	Mental maths	Phonics	Mental maths	10.30 – 11.30 ICT (VM)
10:45 – 11:45	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Class Book
11:45 – 14.00	11.45 – 12.00 Mental maths	11.45 – 12.15 Guided reading	11.45 – 12.15 Guided Reading	11.45 – 12.30 RE/PSHE	11.45 End of School Day
	12.00 – 12.45 PE (DZ)	12.15 – 13.00 Swimming (MM)	12.15 – 13.15 Science	12.30 – 13.15 Art and music	
	12.45 – 13.45 Topic	13.00 – 13.15 Handwriting	13.15 – 14.00 Swimming (MM)	13.15 – 14.00 Chichewa	
	Class meeting	13.15 – 13.45 Phonics			
		Class book			

