



**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2023/24**  
**Nawimbe Class**



19/04/24

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to term 3 our final term together! We trust that you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for a busy, great learning in this last term of Year 2. We would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about the exciting learning that will take place this term.

**OUR TOPIC**

This term our topic is 'Reduce Reuse Recycle' the first half and 'Let Celebrate in the last half. We will be exploring these topics through the following aspects of learning:

We will be using a variety of stories on Youtube linked to our topic including:

One plastic bag, why should I recycle and the little plastic bottle.

**In Literacy** – The children will complete a variety of reading and writing tasks focusing on diary writing and story writing - what makes a good story, making a good poster and newspaper writing. We will continue to encourage great sentence construction and the use of WOW words (adjectives) We will learn about using our story mountain in creative writing, that is a beginning, middle and end. We will also learn about story elements such as characters, settings and the plot.

**In Mathematics** – We will focus on 1. Measurements of length, height, time, mass, capacity and weight; Geometry: position and direction. We will continue to solve mathematical problems, develop number skills and quick recall of number facts and times tables. We will review and build on mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will also continue to count in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3s. For measuring - we will investigate weight, length and capacity, enjoying many practical activities to reinforce these concepts.

**In Science** – textiles – We will be exploring different textiles and how to use them for different purposes.

**In Geography**: Where in the world? We will continue learning about the major continents and oceans, where we live in comparison to other continents. We will be focusing on human and physical aspects and carry out simple map work.

**In History** – We will be 'peeping into the past' by learning about great leaders, particularly African leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Dr. Kamuzu Banda as well as Martin Luther King.

**In RE** – We will be learning about the major Christian religions celebrations. This term we will be focusing on Christianity.

**In Music** – We will use our voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will play basic instruments to develop rhythm and tempo. We will also practice songs for our KS1 play.

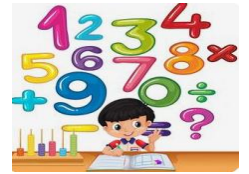
**In PE** – We will be focusing on athletics, spatial body awareness and gross motor skills, especially hand/eye co-ordination, ball skills including throwing and catching. PE is every Monday so every child should come already dressed in sports kits.

**In Art and DT** – We will be exploring a variety of work from different artists, craft workers and designers. In DT we will be creating something from old, used staff using a variety of materials and textiles to fit in with our topic.

### HOMEWORK

A weekly homework will be sent home **every Monday** to be completed by **Thursday**. This will include either: an investigative activity linked with our topic or an activity with a math or literacy focus. Reading rockets and spelling spiders, as well as class spellings, will continue to be practiced daily. These will be reviewed and tested every Thursday or Friday. Kindly return library books every **Friday**, so your child can choose a new one to enjoy the following week.

It would be highly beneficial if you could read with your child every day for at least 10 minutes as this will not only improve their reading but also their writing skills. Visit [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) – it is a fabulous online reading website. You could also subscribe to [www.twinkl.com](http://www.twinkl.com) which is now somewhere around MK3, 500 per month – there's lots of activities you can get there for support and that's the site we will be using most times.



### PE



Please make sure that your child has his/her **swimming kit in school on Friday** and they come already dressed in their **PE kits on Monday**. Kindly pack their school uniform to get changed into.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Please note that **school starts** every day **promptly at 7:30am**. 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. We have 1 short break and a longer lunch break. Please ensure that your child has enough snacks and water for these times. We encourage healthy snacks and appreciate your support in limiting sugar. Kindly clearly LABEL every item that belongs to your child. It's important to remember that we finish at **11.45 a.m.** on Fridays, **1.00 p.m.** on normal days and **2.00 p.m.** on club days.

Nawimbe's Weekly Timetable Term 3 2023/24

Mrs Vungani Midian

TA: Mr Andrew Makoza

Year 2	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7.30-7.35	<b>Singing Assembly Assembly</b>	Math	<b>Music Thoko M</b>	English/ Guided reading	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
7.35-7.45					
7.45-8.00					
8.00-8.15	<b>PE Dan</b>	Phonics strategies	Mental Math	Handwriting	<b>Swimming Dan</b>
8.15-8.30					
8.30- 8.45					
8.45-9.00					
9.00-9.15					
9.15-9.30					
9.30-9.45	English/ Guided Reading	<b>ICT (VM)</b>	English/ Guided reading	Math	Math/English/Spellings assessments
9.45-10.00					
10.00-10.15					
10.15-10.30	Math	English	Math	English	History/ Chichewa
10.30- 10.45					
10.45-11.00					
11.00-11.15					
11.15-11.30					
11.30-11.45					
11.45-12.00					
12.00-12.15					
12.15-12.30	<b>Dance/Drama Thoko M</b>	Topic / Geography	Art/ DT/ PSHE	RE/ Science	
12.30- 12.45					
12.45-1.00					
1.00-1.15	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	
1.15-1.30					
1.30- 1.45					
1.45-2.00					
2.00-3.00					