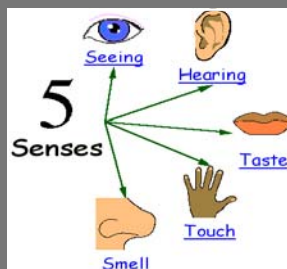
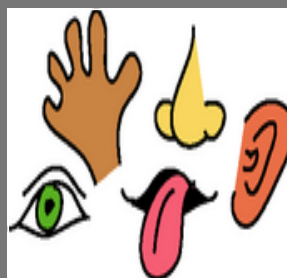




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## The World of our senses

# Year Two

## We're Learning Something New!

Dear Parents,

Over the next seven weeks those of us in Year 2 will be following a unit of work on a theme which focuses on 'Our Senses'. This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects. During this unit we will be focusing on Art, Music, ICT, Science and International ideas.

In Art and Music, we'll be:

- Looking at ways that artists have expressed what they sensed – particular sights and sounds.
- Expressing our own experiences in different ways

In ICT, we'll be:

- Finding out more about how our senses work and what they can distinguish

In Science, we'll be:

- Investigating our senses – how good they are and whether we can fool them
- Finding out what happens when we are deprived of our senses
- Investigating how we see, hear, smell, taste and touch
- Investigating how sound travels and how our senses of taste and smell are connected

In International, we'll be:

Thinking about how people in different cultures use senses in different ways

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking how well your child has learned through particular activities and by asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you. We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you if they can. If your child has some work to research, please help them – but without actually doing the work! If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it – but your enthusiasm and interest are most important.

In particular, please spend as much time focusing with your child on your shared enjoyment and use of your senses. Smell those flowers rather than pass them by; create some still moments in which you can listen for sounds you haven't 'heard' before; eat food really slowly and try to taste it for the first time...and so on.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

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