





Year 2 Newsletter




Autumn 2017

Hello and welcome to Year 2.

Below is a brief description of the things that I hope we will achieve in the coming term. Please keep an eye out for signs and requests that will go up in the window or be put on the noticeboard from time to time! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

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English	Maths	Science
<p>In Year 2 children will experience reading a wide range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. As well as taking part in speaking and listening activities, children will be writing simple sentences using full stops and capital letters correctly with increasing independence. Children we will focus on scanning and skimming when reading to find key words and answer questions.</p>	<p>Children will focus this term on addition and subtraction. They will learn a range of strategies to help them add and subtract two numbers below 20 mentally. Children will then move on to drawing Base 10 and number lines to help them add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. Later in the term there will be a strong focus on problem solving with addition and subtraction. Children will also look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and how to measure length using rulers.</p>	<p>Children will be sowing seeds, observing and learning about plant growth. Children will complete a variety of practical activities and investigations to help develop their knowledge about plants. Later in the term, children will learn about animals and living things.</p> 
History	Geography	Computing
<p>In our local history topic, Children will be learning about the Great North Road and the Great Plague. This is an exciting topic that children love to learn about.</p> 	<p>Children will learn about 'Our World'. They will compare where they have travelled over the summer and learn about the continents and oceans. They will learn about different countries, places in the World and compass points!</p>	<p>Initially, children will focus on saving their work independently. They will use 2type to focus on increasing typing speed by always using two hands to type. This is something you can practice at home! Later on in the term, children will begin to create simple animations.</p>

Art	Design and Technology	RE
In Art children will explore pointillism and art work by Georges Seurat. They will recreate some of his art. Children will also look at the techniques used in Aboriginal paintings.	In Design Technology, children will research, design and make their own moving vehicles. Children will then evaluate these and consider how effective they are.	Signs and symbols are all around us. Children will explore their meanings and expand on this by exploring the symbols of the six principal world faiths.
PE	PHSE	French
Children will have PE first thing on a Wednesday morning. They will focus on teamwork and catching and throwing accurately. For the first half term, children will be taking part in gymnastic lessons on a Tuesday afternoon – exploring travelling and movement.	The values for this term are: Harmony, Sharing, Courage and Happiness. Children will think about relationships this half term. We will provide children with strategies to resolve difficult situations and time to discuss emotions.	Children will build on their knowledge from Year 1 through a variety of songs and stories. They will focus on counting in French and the days of the week. 
Music	Trips	Show and Tell
Children will listen to a range of music together and identify rhythm and beats. There will be plenty of time for learning to sing a simple tune and memorising rhyming chants. 	In the second half of the Autumn Term Year 2 will be visiting the church to learn more about the Christmas Story. This is an interactive and educational experience key to their learning in R.E.	Our show and tell topic for this term will be: My Favourite Holiday. The timetable for this will be on the Year 2 noticeboard. 
Reading	Homework	
We strongly encourage children to read daily at home as this extra '1-1' time with the children makes a huge difference to their progress over the year. Reading will be a key focus for Year 2 this year.	Children will receive weekly homework. This will be sent out on a <u>Wednesday</u> and should be returned on a <u>Monday</u> . The Year 2 Number Challenge will take place on <u>Tuesday</u> mornings. Spellings will be sent home on a <u>Friday</u> and tested the following Friday.	

The curriculum in Year 2 can be very demanding and any support you can give your child at home will be beneficial and makes a difference. I am sure that the children will have a very positive and successful year that will include lots of fun too! I am really looking forward to working with your child and meeting you during the course of the term.