



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had a fun filled summer holiday. Please find below a summary of Year 2's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

English

The children's learning this term will be focussed around the text 'The Troll Swap'. First, we have been looking at expanded noun phrases. Then, we will be integrating these skills into our writing. We will be learning about how to write a story based upon the model text using the pupils' ideas for characters. We are very excited to learn about the adventures of Timothy Limpet and Tabitha Limpet! After half term we will be looking at the text 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'.

Before we focus in on a text type, the children will also be developing their Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) skills. Not only will we look at how to vary our sentence openers, but we will also focus on capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and commas for expanded noun phrases. We will also be using the subordination 'because' and the coordination 'and'.

Maths

We begin the school year focussing on place value in Maths and will move on to further enhance our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at shape.

In Year 2, we will be focusing on numbers by: representing numbers; understanding tens and ones; and further expand our knowledge and understanding of numbers up to 100. We will also begin to learn how to add and subtract two digit numbers with exchange. We will be focussing on using efficient methods to calculate answers. We will be exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes including lines of symmetry.

Homework

In Year 2, children need to read for the equivalent of at least 15 minutes every school night (it might be that some nights they read more than other nights) and complete 5 reads and a book talk. They need to complete their reading record each time they read. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child read and discussing their book with them. The children (or parent) should write a comment in their book and we request that you sign your child's reading record book too. This will really help their progression in reading and writing. We will be checking your child's reading diary regularly throughout the week. Your child will have two school reading books and one reading for pleasure book. The children need to read their school reading book a total of three times before it is changed and the reading for pleasure book is a chance to share a story together at your leisure.

P.E.

Year 2 will have PE sessions every **Monday** (outdoors). However, other sessions may arise throughout the week so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or navy shorts, black

or navy joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

Science

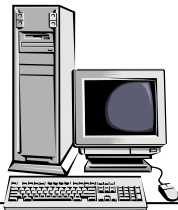
To begin with, Year 2 are going to be learning about the human body. They will be introduced to different bones, muscles, the digestive and muscular system. During our lessons, the children will have an opportunity to take part in a number of investigations. Throughout the term, the children will demonstrate how they can carry out safe, fair and reliable investigations and will finish the topic looking at what their amazing body can do. The following term we will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will be introduced to different food chains and micro-habitat. We will also look at objects that are alive, dead or never alive.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. For any additional information please also refer to Class Dojo.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

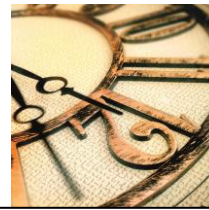
Miss Mee and Miss Lorraine

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Computing

This term the children will be looking at what a computer is. They will be labelling the different parts and using the different parts to create. We will then look at algorithms and debugging.



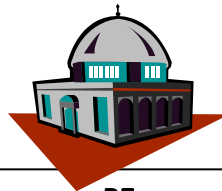
History

The children will be learning about the lives of Romans in Britain. We will be exploring the technology they brought over and how they improved life in Britain after their invasion.



Art

This term, the children will be looking at shape and colour. We will be looking at different artists such as Kandinsky. We will be exploring primary, secondary, warm and cool colours.



RE

This term, the children will begin by learning why do we need to give thanks. We will then be having a look at what candles mean to people.



Music

They will be looking at West African call and response songs and orchestral instruments.



Design Technology

The children will be exploring how to make pizzas and gingerbread men. We will explore the origin of the ingredients for these recipes.



Geography

The children's geography this term will be learning about spatial sense. They will be exploring compasses, hemispheres and the world.



PSHE

The children's PSHE this term will be looking at families and relationships and their health and wellbeing.