

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome To Year 2! Below is an outline of what your child will be learning during the Autumn term.

English

This term the children will be looking at stories with familiar settings, non-chronological reports, poetry, instruction writing and traditional tales with a twist.

Guided reading sessions will take place five times a week. The children will have the opportunity to practise reading aloud as well as beginning to develop their comprehension skills. Some of the children will be starting to use the Oxford Reading Buddy online platform as the basis of their home reading scheme. The children are put onto this scheme once we feel they are ready and have a secure knowledge of their phonics up to level 5. Reading diaries (and home reading book if relevant) need to be in school every day.

Maths

Lessons in Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme, as implemented by school last year. Year 2 will be focusing on place value (numbers to 100), addition and subtraction, properties of shapes and money. It would be incredibly beneficial for your child to have some real life experiences with using money when you visit the shops.

Religious Education (RE)

Year 2 will be looking at the Bible this half term. The aim of the unit is to widen the children's understanding of the Bible, its contents, presentation, the importance to Christians and begin to develop their understanding of holy books in the lives of people of all world faiths.

After the October half term break we will be answering the question: Why was the birth of Jesus such good news? In these lessons, Year 2 will explore the story of Christmas from the perspective that it was good news then and now.

Science

The children will be looking at 'Animals, including Humans'. Pupils will be taught to notice that animals have offspring which grow into adults and to find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival. Children will also understand the basic needs for human survival and the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle.

Computing

The children will be starting with online safety before moving onto effective searching. The children will continue to follow the Purple Mash scheme which is still accessible from home. Login details for Purple Mash are in your child's reading diary. Computing will be taught by Miss Eggleston

PE

Year 2 will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday – please make sure they come to school in their PE kits on these days. They will begin with Net and Wall games which focuses mostly on further developing their throwing and catching skills.

Geography (Autumn 1)

This term, children will be exploring their local environment through simple fieldwork and observation. They'll learn to spot key human and physical features around them, use aerial photographs to identify landmarks and create simple maps. Year 2 will also practise using basic symbols and keys to help them read and make maps of their own.

History (Autumn 2)

In Autumn 2, children will learn about the history of nurses and healthcare. Children will learn about the life of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Edith Cavell and Daphne Steel and the impact they had on healthcare. Children will also learn about the changes to hospitals over the years.

Art (Autumn 1)

In our first half term the children will be mark making. This will give the children the opportunity to experiment using different tools that they may not have used before. We will look at how to create light and dark tones along with creating pattern and texture in their drawings.

Design and Technology (Autumn 2)

Year 2 will be working with textiles. They will be producing their own hand puppet by measuring, cutting and joining textiles together. The children should be able to think of their own ideas, work safely with different tools and then explain what went well with their work and what they would improve if they were to complete the project again.

Music

The children will be learning about rhythm and pulse in the first half term. This will include listening to a variety of musical genres and trying to detect the pulse (steady beat) and the rhythm of the music. Later, our music lessons will have a singing focus. This will be in helping to prepare the children for their Nativity in December.

PSHE

Our first unit of work this year will be based around relationships and the theme of respectfulness and empathy. The children will explore what it means to build respectful relationships and celebrate differences.

Kind regards,

Miss Siddall

Key Dates

Year 2 Meet the Teacher – Thursday 10th September 2.45pm.

KSI Phonics meeting – Monday 21st September 3.30pm.

Individual Photos – Wednesday 23rd September.

Come Discover with Me (phonics) – Monday 28th September 2.30pm.

WWF Animal Day – Friday 2nd October

Harvest Festival in Church – Monday 5th October 9.30am.

Hello Yellow Day – Friday 9th October.