

# Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2023



Welcome back to another school year!

This newsletter aims to give you an insight into the work that we will be doing over the next term and provides some ideas as to how you can support your child at home. It will also give you a better idea of some of the ways in which we do things in Year 2 so that you and your child feel best prepared for the year ahead.

## English

The children will initially continue to be taught in phonics groups using the Read, Write Inc. phonics programme. This programme places a high level of focus on becoming a fluent reader and the children will spend lots of time working on this at school.

## Reading



The success of the Read, Write Inc phonics scheme relies in part on the support that your child gets at home to practice their reading skills. Each week the children will bring home a phonetically decodable book – this means that it contains the sounds that they have been taught in school and therefore should be able to read fluently. We are expecting you to read every night with your child and record this in the reading diary. Obviously there will be some

occasions when this is not possible but we would like reading to become a daily habit – much like brushing your teeth! You also have access to an additional book using the online portal. The log in details for this are found in the back of the children's reading diaries. If you have any issuing logging on, please let us know ASAP. The children also bring home a 'book to share' which is a book that you may need to read with them. They are allowed to change this book every morning as they arrive at school. It is really important that the children have reading books and diaries in school every day.



## Spelling

Each week the children will bring home a spelling list that will be in their reading diary. This list will be issued on a Monday and the words will follow a spelling pattern. We will look at this spelling pattern in school and also give the children a chance to practice each day. They will have a spelling test on a Friday. Please also remember that in the back of the reading diaries there is a list of common exception words for year 1 and year 2. It would be useful for the children to practice reading and spelling these words also.

## Maths

In maths we will start by developing our ability to understand and partition 2-digit numbers. This means that we will be learning to split numbers into tens and ones. We will start by using apparatus and then move on to do this mentally. You can support your child by practising counting in 10's to 100 and by helping them to write numbers to 100 correctly. Later in the term we will also need to be able to count in 2's and 5's. This can easily be practised at home too! We will then move onto using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using apparatus and then a



written method. Towards the end of the term, we will look at shape. It would be great if you could help your child to recall the names of 2D and 3D shapes in preparation for this work.

## Homework

We are going to start using an online programme called Century. This has been used in KS2 for the past year and has proved successful. The children will need a log in to access the work that I will set each week and I will receive feedback as to how they have got on. The programme adjusts the work set based on how confident the children are at each task. For this reason, it is best that you allow the children to work with a high level of independence, otherwise they might be set work that is too hard for them. We will show the children how to log on in the classroom and will let you know when Century will begin. I am hoping that it will be in the next few weeks.

## P.E

Children in year 2 do PE on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. It makes more sense for them to come home in their kits and bring their uniform home in their PE bag. Their kit can then be washed and returned to school the following Monday.



### Water Bottles and other possessions.

Please make sure that the children have a water bottle in school each day. We try to discourage the children from bringing in toys and trinkets as they often get lost or broken. As the children are getting a bit older, we do not really do show and tell in year 2. We are however starting a 'book club' where we would like children to bring in special books each week to share with the rest of the class. We will produce a timetable for this so that you know when it is your child's turn. Hopefully everyone will get a go every term.



### Other Subjects

Subject	Topic	Things you could do at home
Geography	Map Makers	Look at maps of the local area. Look at maps when travelling further afield – look at maps of the UK Go on local area walks
Science	Living things and their habitats	Look at habitats in the local area – woodlands/ponds. Practice the names a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Look at daily weather forecast
RE (religious education)	Symbols	
RHE (relationships and health education)	Being me in my world Celebrating difference	
DT (design and technology) (taught after half term)	Making a pouch – textiles	
Music	Reading and composing music	Listen to music by our artist of the half term Frank Sinatra
Computing	What is a computer? e-safety	Talk about e-safety with your child. Talk as a family about how to use the internet safely.
Art	Drawing	

We are really looking forward to our trip to Edmond this year. If you were unable to attend the information meeting on Tuesday please do not hesitate to come and chat about what happens with a member of staff - you will be able to speak to staff who have been on the trip several times who can tell you all about it.

We look forward to getting to know you all better over the next few weeks. Please bear in mind it is much easier to chat to us after school rather than in the morning. Please try and keep morning messages to a minimum as it can be hard for teachers to leave the classroom at this time.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes

Mrs Hill and Mrs Freeman-Evans