



Welcome to Year 2

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Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 2. We hope that you had a relaxing and fun summer and are looking forward to the exciting topics that we will cover in Year 2. Below is some information about the Autumn term's activities. We look forward to finding out from the children what they would like to learn about in each topic so that we can include their ideas in our planning. This will enable the children to take ownership of their own learning.



LITERACY

The children will have daily Guided Reading sessions. These sessions are designed to improve each child's reading skills as well as their confidence by ensuring that they are reading fun and stimulating texts.

In class we will focus on a range of oracy, reading and writing skills across the curriculum. Some examples include:

Oracy - role play activities from our topic based work, storytelling activities, presenting information to an audience.

Reading - non-fiction reading to find out information about various topics, developing our ability to read a range of different books, poetry reading.

Writing - writing non-fiction pieces, writing recount texts, retelling known stories and writing our own imaginative stories.

We will also focus on letter formation, introducing our new cursive script, and spelling high frequency words correctly.



NUMERACY

We aim to teach specific mathematical skills during whole class maths lessons and use these skills in a range of cross curricular activities both indoors and outdoors. Skills to be covered during the Autumn term include:

Number and Place Value - counting sets of objects by grouping, reading and writing numbers to 100 and beyond, comparing and ordering 2 digit numbers.

Addition and Subtraction - Using number bonds within 10 to add and subtract larger numbers, adding and subtracting 10 or 20 to a given number, find small differences between numbers by 'counting on', use different strategies to add and subtract 2 digit numbers.

Shape - naming regular and irregular 2d shapes and identifying their properties, finding a line of symmetry on 2d shapes.

Data - representing data in Venn and Carroll diagrams, extracting and interpreting data from lists and diagrams.

Measure - use different combinations of money to pay for items up to £1, use metres and centimetres to measure length, height and distance, use appropriate vocabulary to describe position, movement and direction eg clockwise and anti-clockwise, half and quarter turn.

AUTUMN 1 - ZOOM AROUND!

Our first topic this year will be Zoom Around.

AUTUMN 2 - IT'S THE WEATHER

It's the Weather! will be our second topic. This topic has a Science focus and teaches

We have already been on our first school trip designed to engage pupils with this new topic.

This topic has a Design and Technology and Science focus and will look at a range of different transport and how they move.

Examples of some activities include:

Looking closely at different transport and how they are similar and different.

Designing and making our own moving transport.

Looking at cogs and wheels.

Exploring forces and their effect on moving things.

Reading non-fiction texts related to transport.

Reading fiction texts about going on a journey.

the children about different weather conditions and the effect that the weather has on the environment.

Activities included in this topic include:

Becoming weather forecasters and recording these forecasts.

Writing weather related poetry.

Exploring extreme weather conditions.

Watching clips about the weather.

Creating weather based dances.

Recording the weather over a period of time.

Creating graphs to show the observed weather.

This half term will end with our Christmas celebrations where the children will be learning about worldwide traditions associated with Christmas.

P.E. - Physical Education lessons for both classes will be on Mondays and Fridays. The children will need to have their PE kits (navy joggers, navy shorts, navy jumper and a white t-shirt) in school every day. Children are not allowed to wear earrings whilst taking part in P.E. lessons. Therefore if your child is unable to remove and replace their own earrings by please ensure that they do not come into school wearing earrings on Mondays and Fridays.

READING - Reading is a very important part of our week and we aim to read with every child as often as possible. Reading at home is also very important and we encourage the children to bring their home reading books into school every week so that they can share what they have been reading at home with us. When the children become more confident with their reading and writing we encourage them to review their reading themselves by writing some sentences about their reading in their home reading books. The children can choose books to take home to read each week. These books should be appropriate for your child's reading ability as they are based on the Read Write Inc stages.

ABACUS - This is our online Maths programme and we encourage the children to use it on a regular basis if possible as work assigned to your child relates to the work covered in class during that week. We shall be sending home a reminder of your child's password for this programme over the next couple of weeks.

HOMEWORK - The children will continue to have homework set every week. Homework is to be returned the following week, when new homework will be set. Longer term projects might be set at different points during the year.

OUTDOOR LEARNING - Your child will be learning outdoors every day. Please ensure that your child has a coat/sun hat when needed so that they are able to get the most from learning outdoors.

USEFUL WEBSITES/APPS

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zf44jxs/videos/1>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=fairy%20tales>

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

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