

Curriculum Letter for Year 2 - Autumn Term 1 2023

General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 2! The children all look very smart and have settled in well. They are becoming familiar with all the class routines and expectations around the school, and they have impressed us with their positive attitude and passion for learning.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term we will be focusing on numbers within 100, which will include, writing numbers, partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers. We will move onto addition and subtraction of a 2-digit number using concrete objects and pictorial representations. We will recall number facts to 20 fluently and show that addition of numbers can be done in any order and subtraction cannot. We will then move on to solving addition and subtraction word problems and explore the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

English: This year we will be using the 'Literacy Tree' scheme as a basis for our written work. We will be working from a number of quality texts which will inspire a variety of written work. Our texts are three different versions of the traditional tale of Goldilocks. Our first text is '*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*' by Lauren Child and we will be comparing this to '*Me and You*' by Anthony Browne and '*Goldilocks And Just the One Bear*' by Leigh Hodgkinson. This unit will be followed by one based around the text, '*The Owl and the Pussy Cat*' by Edward Lear and Charlotte Voake.

Science: Our first science unit is 'Healthy Me!'. We will be exploring the types of food we need to keep our bodies healthy, the effects that different exercises can have on different parts of the body, alongside the importance of keeping our brains healthy and happy.

Geography: This half term we will be discussing seasonal and daily weather patterns in our local area and across the four countries in the UK, using simple fieldwork and observational skills in and around the school. The children will learn basic weather symbols and subject specific vocabulary.

Art: This half term we will be exploring mark-making using interesting media such as chalk and charcoal. We will be looking at textures and how to express this in our drawings. We will be using our knowledge of mark-making to make observational drawings of our toys. We will be studying illustrations by *Quentin Blake* and using these to inspire our own character drawings.

Music: Our music unit this half term is '*Hands Feet and Heart*' which is based on a song that celebrates South African Music. The children will learn to sing, play and improvise with the song. They will also be learning to play a few notes on the glockenspiel.

RE: Our learning starts with the importance of The Lord's Prayer within the Christian faith. We will be learning this prayer and creating our own prayers to share with the class at the end of each day.

PSHE: This term our PSHE lessons will be focused on Health and Well-being. We will be discussing why we experience different emotions and how to have a healthy body and mind.

Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English we will be reading '*Fantastic Mr Fox*' by Roald Dahl.

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PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Wednesdays. Indoor PE kits stay in school.

Reading

In Year 2, comprehension is a key reading skill, which we are trying to develop throughout the year. You can support this at home by discussing what you are reading with your child and allow them to ask questions, when you are reading to them.

Reading aloud is so very important at home and we will continue to send home books appropriate for your children. Each week your child will either be set an e-book or be given a colour banded book to read to you. Please put a note in the reading record to let us know how your child is getting on with this book. *A sharing book, which is chosen by the child, will go home in a reading wallet on a Thursday. Please return any books sent home by the following Tuesday.*

Homework

Please check Microsoft Teams every Friday as this is where homework will be explained. Homework is due in by the following Wednesday. This could include tasks set on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on Teams.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home, too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates and Events

Harvest Festival led by 4B	Friday 13 th October at St. Andrew's Church
Half term	Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October
INSET day	Monday 30 th October. School closed