

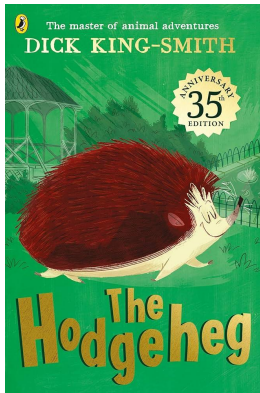
Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn 1

We wish you a really warm welcome to the first term in Year 2. Each half term, we shall send a class newsletter with a brief overview of the topics and activities taking place along with a few important updates and reminders. On occasions, we shall send additional notifications via the Class Dojo app. Please check the app regularly - particularly for whole primary school updates.

On **Wednesday 11th September**, we would like to invite you to a 'Meet the Teacher' event for parents after school. During this, you will have the opportunity to meet the Year 2 team, find out more information about the upcoming year and ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you then.

- **PE Days this half term are Mondays for Merlins and Mondays and Thursdays for Condors.** Children should come in full PE Kit on these days. Earrings should either be removed before school or a plaster should be applied at home to cover them.
- **Homework will be given out every other Friday and be expected to be completed by Wednesday.** It will be simple English and maths revision of previous learning and should be completed independently where possible. Along with this homework, children will be directed to online educational applications which can aid learning.
- During this term, children will start to bring home an **Accelerated Reader book** as part of their reading development. Please encourage your child to read at home as regularly as possible. 5-10 minutes of reading every night will really support the development of your child's learning. Additionally some children will also bring a decodable phonics books home to help apply their reading skills.

Please see below for a summary of the curriculum for this half-term:



In English:

Our class texts include 'The Hodgeheg', 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and 'The Flower'. We will also be re-capping all the learning covered in Year 1, to best prepare the children for writing in Year 2. We shall deepen children's understanding of sentence construction and introduce key Year 2 concepts.

In Maths:

Children will be developing their understanding of place value and addition and subtraction. We shall introduce the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as part of our early morning work.

In PSHE:

Children will learn about relationships. They will explore what a safe relationship is, and how to respect themselves and others.



In PE:

Children will be refining and developing their skills in gymnastics, particularly focusing on balance and flexibility. They will also be learning striking and fielding skills.

In Art:

The learning in Art focuses on creating characters. The children will look at the features of cartoon characters and incorporate these into their drawings. They will explore the work of Quentin Blake and take inspiration from his work.



In Science:

Children will begin to learn about Animals, including humans.

In Music

Children will receive music sessions led by a specialist teacher. They will begin to learn how to play a recorder and develop vocal techniques.



In Computing:

Children will learn about logging onto the I pads and Chromebooks. They will also learn how to use the Internet and how to log on to apps such as Purple Mash.

In Geography: Children will learn about the capital cities of the UK. They will also explore London as a capital city in a greater depth.

In RE:

Children will learn about Christianity. They will explore the teachings of kindness and discuss whether it is possible to be kind all of the time.

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