

Welcome to Year 2

Our Class Teachers are Mrs Levinsohn and Mrs Sumser

Our Curriculum

Science – *Fighting Fit*

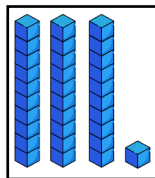


This half term, Year 2 will be learning about how to stay healthy in our *Fighting Fit* science unit. They will discover that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. The children will investigate the basic needs animals have to survive—water, food, and air—and will explore how humans can stay healthy through exercise, a balanced diet, and good hygiene.

Key Enquiry Questions:

- What do animals (including humans) need to survive?
 - How do young animals change as they grow?
 - Why is exercise important for our bodies?
 - What is a balanced diet?
 - How can we stay clean and healthy?
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Maths



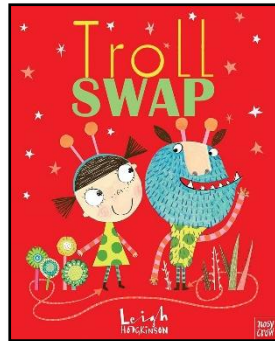
In maths this half term, Year 2 will be developing their number and place value knowledge. They will practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s from 0 or any number, forwards and backwards. Children will explore the value of digits in two-digit numbers and will represent numbers in a variety of ways, including on number lines and with symbols such as $<$, $>$, and $=$.

Focus Objectives:

- Count in steps of 2, 3, 5, and 10

- Understand place value in two-digit numbers
 - Compare and order numbers up to 100
 - Read and write numbers in numerals and words
 - Use number facts to solve problems
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English



Our class text this half term is ***Troll Swap***, a fun and engaging story that will inspire the children's writing. Through this unit, children will build on their key writing skills, including using punctuation accurately, writing expanded noun phrases, and joining ideas using 'and' and 'because'.

Writing Focus:

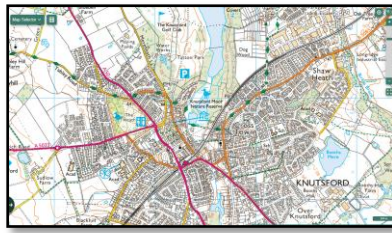
- Correct use of full stops and capital letters
 - Use of expanded noun phrases for description
 - Coordination and subordination (e.g. and, because)
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DT – Food Technology



In design and technology, Year 2 will explore where food comes from and how to eat healthily. They'll learn about food groups and then focus on designing and making their own healthy sandwich. After researching their chef inspiration, *Mary Berry*, they will plan a recipe, label ingredients and equipment, and then make their sandwich using safe cooking skills.

Geography – *Magical Mapping*



Year 2 will become geographers this half term as they explore maps of all kinds. They will investigate maps of their local area, the UK, and the world. Children will learn to use digital maps and tools, spot human and physical features in aerial photos, create their own maps, and use basic compass directions to plan routes.

Computing – *Online Safety*



This half term, we are learning how to stay safe online. Children will learn how to search the internet safely using Purple Mash, send and receive emails on a secure platform, and understand the idea of a digital footprint—how their actions online can be remembered.

PSHE – *Families and Relationships*



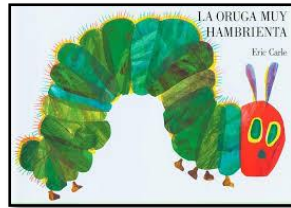
In PSHE, we are focusing on different types of families and how we care for each other. Children will explore how to build positive friendships, resolve conflict, and understand that families can look different but still provide love and support.

RE – *Christianity*



Children will explore Christian places of worship, focusing on the key features of a church, what happens there, and why these spaces are so special to Christians.

Spanish – *La Oruga Muy Hambrienta*



Using the familiar story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, children will learn to say and recognise days of the week, numbers, and food and drink vocabulary in Spanish. They will also begin expressing simple likes and dislikes.

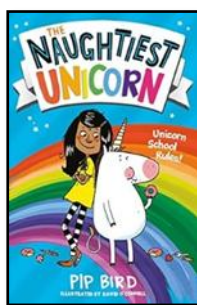
Music



In our music lessons this half term, children are going to explore the skills of finding the pulse and pitch in different songs. They will practice identifying high and low pitches and clapping out the pulse in a familiar song. They will also work in groups to compose their own piece using crochets and quavers.

Class Novel

The Naughtiest Unicorn by Pip Bird



This delightful story follows a girl starting at a magical school and bonding with a very mischievous unicorn! It's a great way to explore emotions around starting something new and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

Our focus Children's Rights Article for the term is:

Article 15 – Setting Up or Joining Groups



Children will learn they have the right to meet with friends and join groups and will discuss how we respect others' choices and work together kindly in class and on the playground.

Our focus Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is:

SDG 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing



We will be learning about ways to stay healthy—physically and mentally—and how taking care of ourselves helps us feel good and learn better.

PE Days:



Wednesdays and Fridays – please make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. If there are any changes, we will let you know in advance.

Homework:

Homework will be handed out on **Fridays** and should be returned by the following **Friday**.

Please check **Seesaw** for regular updates on our learning, key messages, and homework tasks.

Thank you for your continued support!