

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn One 2023

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. The following information will provide you with an insight into what the children will be learning this half term. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher:

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Maths:

This half term we will start with a unit on place value (namely tens and ones). This will include exploring numbers up to 100 in different ways, including counting forwards and backwards in steps of one, two and five. The children will be reading and writing the numbers in numerals and words, making and drawing the numbers in different ways, comparing and ordering the numbers and using place value and number facts to solve problems.

We will then move on to addition and subtraction. The children will recap some of the methods they learnt in Year 1, before moving onto formal methods of addition and subtraction of numbers up to 100. Children will recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100. We will then progress to adding and subtracting numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally.

Writing:

This half term children will be developing their writing skills whilst covering a range of text types. The main focus will be on sentence structure, simple punctuation, grammar, and developing the use of adjectives and conjunctions to extend and build interest in their sentences. Important skills that will be covered include:

- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' Capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun I
- Learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly including:
 - full stops
 - capital letters
 - exclamation marks
 - question marks
 - How words can combine to make sentences.
 - Joining words and joining clauses using 'and'.

Homework:

- Daily reading recorded in H/S book.
- Common Exception word reading and spelling (this will be stuck into H/S books)

Reading:

Guided reading sessions will take place four times a week. The children will be given a range of learning opportunities in each guided reading session. They will read with a teacher, read with a buddy, enjoy reading for pleasure and complete an independent reading/spelling task. During these reading sessions children are taught to think more deeply about the story and its content. They will answer simple retrieval questions, questions about the setting, the plot and the characters' feelings or motivations. The children will also be given opportunities to discuss their opinions about a text, stating whether they enjoyed it, or whether they have read something similar. **It is vital that children read daily and that this is recorded in their home/school books.** Children will be given readers which will be changed out as and when they are finished. Children will also have a library slot each week where they will be able to choose a book to take home and enjoy.