

# Year 2

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn One 2024

#### 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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#### English

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. We will focus on:

- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and 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'.

#### Maths

We will start with a unit on place value. 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 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.

#### Foundation Subjects

In D.T we will be exploring free standing structures. We will follow the research, design, make, evaluate process to make our very own playground equipment.

In Geography we will be exploring our local area. We will conduct fieldwork on Hanslope by following a map and spotting different Human and Physical features on our way. We will also draw our own sketch maps of the local area.

In Science we will be investigating materials. We will investigate their different properties and uses and discuss whether this makes them suitable.

In R.E we will explore different leaders. We will think about leaders in society, what makes a good leader, why people followed Jesus and look at the story of Moses.

In Music we will be following the theme of myths and legends. We will create our own rhythms, compose music with several layers and much more.

In P.E we will focus on our personal skills whilst exploring our footwork and balance skills. We will also work on our ball skills.

#### Homework

Please read daily and record this in your child's home school book.

Weekly phonics sounds and common exception word spellings will be sent home to practice reading and writing.