



# Year 2: Autumn 1 – Mapping Mayhem!



It is lovely to welcome all Year 2 parents and children back into school. The children have settled in to the year really well. We look forward to getting to know you and your children more in the coming weeks.

If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do.

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- Use age appropriate computer programmes
- Take an interest in what they did at school.
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

### **PE Timetable:**

Class 2A PE – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2B PE – Monday and Tuesday

Class 2C PE – Monday and Tuesday

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress feel free to contact your child's teacher on our year group email – [year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk](mailto:year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk) or contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

## **English**

In English this half term we will be using "Talk for Writing" a scheme that enhances children's literacy skills. The children will be memorising stories, actions and sentences before being creative with their own writing. They will then be required to be innovative and change the story to make their own version! Here is a short example of a story being told to a class

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdvJZD-cplg>. The children will be continuing on with the RWI program in phonics as well as participating in target reading sessions in the afternoon. Children will continue on the with learning spelling words each week. The children will be practising their handwriting daily. Most children should be joining their letters.

### **Useful websites for phonics and reading:**

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk)

## **The Wider Curriculum**

This half-term our topic is 'Mapping Mayhem' where pupils will learn how to identify and recognise features of their local area on a map and describe it using positional and directional language. We will be investigating human and physical features of our school environment and using locational and directional language to describe features on a map of our local area.

In **art**, we will be studying the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser and learning about what themes, techniques and features appear in his work.

In **Science**, we will be comparing where animals live and what they need to survive. You may like to visit a park or forest and investigate habitats. Bring in what you have found out about habitats to share with the class.

In **music** this half term, we will be exploring the music of South Africa and identifying the style indicators of this type of music. We will learn about different instruments we can learn and how to find the beat.

In **ICT**, we will be collecting, organising and interpreting data using a graphing package.

In **RE**, we will be learning about the stories from the new testament gospels that Jesus told.

In **PE** we will be learning how to demonstrate control and balance in basic movements as well as improving our ball handling skills.

## **Maths:**

In Mathematics this half term, we are learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We will focus on mental addition and subtraction. The children will continue to learn their number bonds to 20 e.g. 14+6; 15+5 etc. They will be learning how to represent numbers in different ways and solving number problems. They will learn how to explain and show their answer using jottings and equipment. Pupils will learn to recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems. Pupils will understand that the addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot.

## **School Jam**

We have signed up to an app called School Jam. Please download the app and look for your child's username in their reading diary. Your child's teacher will be sending quick and fun maths activities for you to do at home with your child.

## **Numbots**

We have signed up to Numbots which is an online game to help boost addition and subtraction skills. It can be played on: [play.numbots.com](http://play.numbots.com). Please look in your child's reading diary for their password.