



Jericho Primary School

Class Newsletter Spring 2025 Year 2

Welcome to Spring Term in Year 2!

Well done to everyone so far, as our children have settled back in beautifully and our classrooms have been busy and cheerful.

The Year 2 Team

Our Year 2 team is:

2H: Miss McDonald

2W: Mrs Leck

We also have 2 Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the year group: Miss Best and Miss Mitchell. Mrs Cummings and Mrs Robertson will also be working in Year 2 as I:ls.

This term in our focus is geography. We will be studying Deadly 60 in the first half term and using this to find out about the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Through this work, children will use atlases and digital maps to locate and plot these key areas on maps and recognise the continents by shape and size. Our planned visit to The Lake District Wildlife Park will help us to link the animals with where they are from, using maps to support this. In the second half, we focus specifically on Antarctica and its key features and weather, compared to ours. We also briefly look at the Explorer Ernest Shackleton and his amazing expedition and rescue. We will be welcoming a photographer who has visited Antarctica to share images and tell us what it is like.

In Art, we will be looking at artists as collectors and illustrators, focusing particularly on the artist Shelley Perkins and learning to collect ideas and present them in many different ways, as she does. In DT, we will be using craft knives again to design and make scenes with moving parts: sliders and levers. We will link these to our Antarctica work.

In Science, we are learning about materials and how the different properties they have affect how we use them. We have also been learning how materials can be changed by squashing and bending and how thinner versions of some materials allow them to bend, where normally they do not e.g. metal and wood. After half term, we begin to look at habitats, in our own locality and the different habitats in other areas of the world - linking back to Deadly 60.

Our focus in computing is about programming and controlling a Beebot.

In RE we are learning about Hajj and what makes someone a good Muslim.

In PHSE, we are looking at Keeping Safe. This includes looking at what we need to be healthy and how we might need medicines, things that might make us feel unsafe and who we can go to about these things, how loss might make us feel upset and the PANTs rule- keeping private places private.

Your child also has a weekly music lesson and two sessions of PE a week.

In English, we will be continuing developing our reading skills in our Read Write Inc programme. We will again be in colour groups for this. Please keep helping us by reading the colour books at home. Use the instructions in the covers to help you work your way through the texts. Children who are off the programme still need to read at least 4 times a week as with more difficult texts, they are more likely to meet new or unfamiliar vocabulary. They should also have their books and reading records in school daily. They will do Guided Reading sessions Daily.



Finally in Mathematics / Numeracy. We will start the half term by looking at money. Many children are now good at addition of amounts but with money, they also need to remember which coins exist- there is no 30p coin!

We will be learning what our coins and notes are and how to use these to make amounts/ find totals, before moving on to look at finding change. A game for practise is on Seesaw. After this, we look at multiplication and division. Keeping up with Rockstars really helps support understanding in this.

We then move on to measurement: length and height (m and cm no feet and inches at this point please!), capacity and temperature in Celsius.

PE DAYS: PE for both classes this half term is Monday and Friday afternoon. Please come in uniform and change in school.

Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 2's look, in line with the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was sent on Parentmail at the start of the year and is on the website. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with micropore tape or a plaster- your child needs to bring this with them from home or come to school with it already applied.

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in class and building on from last term. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 2 is set on Seesaw each Tuesday.

Daily Reading – Please read daily with your child for 10 minutes and sign in the reading record. If possible, ask them some questions on what they have read to develop their comprehension skills.

Times Tables

Rockstars- 10 minutes daily is recommended. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps. Logins are in the front of reading records.

Words to Read and Spell:

6- 10 words from the common exception words and the spelling rule for that week.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 8:55am.

Happy News!

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates and cross your fingers you may receive surprise news about Golden Work in the post.

We will also share any exciting Year 2 news/ pictures on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards
Year 2 Team!

