



# Curriculum Newsletter | Year 2

Autumn 1 | How are you? | Animals, including humans

## Key messages

### Welcome to Year 2! We are so excited about the year ahead!

It is important that the children remember to bring their reading records to school every day and read at home with an adult as often as possible. They can also access e-books on Bug Club (login details are on the inside page of the reading record). Please sign the reading record each time your child reads with you or uses Bug Club at home.

The children also practice spelling the key exception words for Years 1 and 2 regularly – we will send these home this term.

Please could all children come to school with a water bottle and a named school jumper every day. On P.E. days, children can come to school in their P.E. kit (school jumper, t-shirt, shorts/joggers and trainers). These are:

2CH: Tuesday and Thursday.

2RJ: Monday and Tuesday.

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Hartnell or Miss Johnston.

## Our learning

This term's IPC topic is 'How are you?' We will be learning all about how to keep healthy. We will find out about what makes a healthy diet, different types of exercise, why we need sleep, and why it is important to keep clean.

In English, we will be exploring different versions of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', and reading 'The Jolly Postman'. We will be learning to use different grammatical features and to write for different purposes.

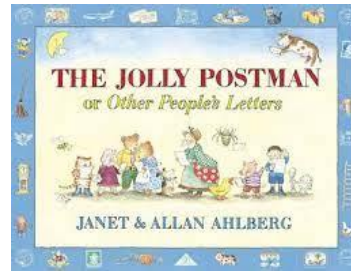
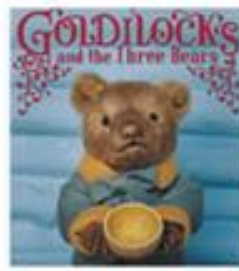
## Goldilocks words for topic

*The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!*

Senses	Fit	Germ
Rest	Exercise	Vitamins
Energy	Heart rate	Nutrition

## Ideas for home learning

- Help your grown-ups cook a healthy meal and talk about different food groups that you eat.
- Do some exercise together and talk about how it makes you feel.
- Create your own exercise routine.
- Talk about why it is important to wash our hands.



**Our IPC topic this term is: How are you?**  
**Our Science topic this term is: Animals, including humans.**

**In English, we will be reading a variety of stories featuring Goldilocks (*Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Lauren Child, *Me and You* by Anthony Browne and *Goldilocks and Just the One Bear* by Leigh Hodgkinson) and exploring how she is portrayed and different characters' points of view. We will also read *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper. We will:**

- Write a story, a sequel, persuasive letters, a wanted poster, an advert, a play script and explanations.
- Learn to use expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and apostrophes.
- Practice writing in the first and third person.
- Learn to use different text types and punctuate them.
- Develop our reading comprehension skills.

**In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of number and place value and building our addition and subtraction skills. We will:**

- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words.
- Recognise the place value of 2-digit numbers and represent them in different ways.
- Compare and order numbers.
- Count in steps of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 50.
- Secure our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.
- Add and subtract 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers.

**In Topic, we will be learning about the human body and how we can keep healthy. We will be:**

- Exploring the 5 senses.
- Finding out why humans need sleep and how much.
- Learning about why we need clean water.
- Taking part in different exercise activities to learn about keeping fit.
- Exploring how germs spread, and what happens when we are ill. Finding out what hospitals are like.
- Learning about famous doctors and scientists.

**In Science we will be learning how animals grow and change, and what they need to survive and thrive. We will be:**

- Developing our understanding of how humans grow and change throughout their lives.
- Finding out what basic needs humans have.
- Exploring healthy eating and its impact on our bodies.
- Learning about why humans need exercise and hygiene to stay healthy.

**In Computing, we will be learning about e-safety. We will:**

- Find out how to stay safe on the internet.
- Learn how to act appropriately and treat others respectfully online.

**In RE we will be learning about Hinduism. We will:**

- Explore Hindu beliefs, worship and traditions.
- Learn about Diwali - why is an important festival and how it is celebrated.

**In PE we will be learning to play rugby and football. We will:**

- Enhance our balance and co-ordination.
- Develop our ball skills.
- Focus on working cooperatively as part of a team.

**In PSHE, we will be completing our statutory SRE learning. We will:**

- Share our ideas about how boys and girls differ.
- Learn about male and female animals and learn scientific vocabulary for body parts.

**In Music, we will be continuing our violin lessons with our London Music Masters teachers. Please remember to bring violins to school on Mondays.**