

Year 2 Introduction

Welcome to Year 2, top of the infants!

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and say how excited we are to be teaching Year 2 together - it will be a great year full of new learning, adventures and discoveries. In our classroom we want your child to learn, but more importantly we want your child to feel happy and safe; therefore, if you ever have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us via ClassDojo Messenger. We want to be your partners in supporting your child in the best possible way. Please see some information below that will be important for you to know how to best prepare your child for school for each day and for this coming half term.

Thank you,

Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Cassidy

Weekly timetable:

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Teacher in morning</u>	Mrs Nicklin	Mrs Nicklin	Mrs Nicklin	Mrs Cassidy	Mrs Nicklin
<u>Teacher in afternoon</u>		Mrs Garrett			Mrs Garrett
<u>TA in class</u>	Mrs Garrett Mrs Ash				
<u>Key points</u>	PE day Reading book change day		Reading book change day		Star of the week assembly Reading book change day
<u>Need to bring</u>	Reading Book and record		Reading Book and record		Reading Book and record
	PE Kit				Any awards to show in assembly

Year 2 Autumn Term 1 Topic Overview - 24/25

Half term Title: Arctic Adventure

English: Taught by Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Cassidy

Pupils will study an integrated unit consisting of a narrative text: 'The Way Home For Wolf' by R. Bright, as an animal adventure story and also a non-fiction text where the children will produce information texts based on animals. This integrated unit will also include non-fiction writing based on the topic of wolves. During this unit, where appropriate, we will revisit and teach skills from Year 1 and new Year 2 skills too.

Book club Key Author: Taught by Mrs Cassidy

This half term we are studying Tom Percival. We are reading some of his stories and finding out facts about him.

Maths: Taught by Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Cassidy

Following the White Rose Maths Scheme of work pupils will work on Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Science: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

Living Things and Their Habitats and Animal Survival and Growth

Pupils will be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They should raise and answer questions that help them to become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things. Pupils will be introduced to the terms 'habitat' and 'micro-habitat'. They should raise and answer questions that help them to identify and study a variety of plants and animals within a habitat and observe how living things depend on each other. Pupils should compare animals in familiar habitats with animals found in less familiar habitats. Pupils will be introduced to the basic needs of animals for survival. They will also be introduced to the process of reproduction and growth in animals.

Religious Education: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

Pupils will study creation and covenant. The overarching theme of this year is Baptism. Baptism is the meeting point where people are reborn to a new life in Christ and become part of the Christian community. In the story of Noah, Creation is reborn from the waters of the flood. Pupils will encounter John the Baptist and journey through St Luke's gospel as they come to know the signs in the gospel that Jesus is the Messiah spoken of by the prophets. They will consider how the power of the Holy Spirit transforms the lives of people in the writings of St Luke, for example, Mary, Elizabeth, and Paul, and consider how a life in Jesus calls people to be good neighbours. Pupils will also begin to think about good and bad choices (sin) and why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is needed.

PE: Taught by Mrs Nicklin

Children will use and apply their basic fundamental movement skills (FMS) in games. They will play games that demand simple choices and decisions. They will refine their FMS to outwit others.

PSHE: Taught by Mrs Cassidy

Pupils will explore the question: How do we recognise our feelings? This unit of work will be based around Health and Wellbeing where children will explore feelings, how experiences can bring different feelings, how

our feelings affect our bodies and our behaviour and ways to manage our feelings and help ourselves feel better if we are not feeling good.

Computing: Taught by Mrs Garrett

Pupils will explore a unit of work on Coding. In this unit, pupils will be introduced to algorithms, using commands, debugging and some simple programming using the PurpleMash software.

Geography: Taught by Mrs Garrett

In this unit, pupils will explore hot and cold places of the world.

Music: Taught by Mrs Garrett

Pupils' learning will be focused on pop music and Friendship song.

Design Technology: Taught by Mrs Cassidy

Pupils will be studying the topic 'Baby Bear's Chair' , learning about structures. We will be learning about stability and strength and learning what makes a good structure. We will then be designing and making a chair suitable for baby bear!