

Class Newsletter

Year 2

Spring 1st half term



In our Year 2 class we strive to ensure the best learning experiences for all children and provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

We take into account the needs of all children within the class ensuring we set challenges that will support children in reaching their full potential.

Our Year 2 staff are:

Mrs Crook – Year 2 Teacher

Miss Jackson – Teaching Assistant

This Term we will be learning about:

Geography: Physical and human features within the topic, Beside the Seaside

Science: Living Things and Their Habitats

Art and Design: Textiles Seaside Imagery

Religious Education: Who is a Muslim and how do they live?

Computing: Computer Science Unplugged

PSHE: Belonging to a Community, Media Literacy and Digital Resilience

English

In Year 2 children will be looking at different types of texts to build on their reading comprehension and how to use this information to support their writing. This half-term we will be focusing writing letters and postcards. Children will also be given the opportunity to build on their basic skills in guided reading sessions, practising their handwriting and the use of spelling, punctuation, vocabulary and grammar.

We will use the books; The Day The Crayons Quit and Meerkat Mail

Reading

Reading is such an important part of learning that we strongly encourage sharing books at home.

5 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Within school we read daily and children have continuous access to books and reading materials.

In Year Two, some children have phonics lessons every day while some move one to our Little Wandle spelling scheme.

In Year Two we read in groups three times a week. Our children take home their reading book and we ask that parents read with their children at home 3 times a week as well as signing their diary.

Within school we read and share books daily as a class. We also have themed reading areas where children can choose to sit and enjoy sharing books alone or with friends or teachers.

Maths

In Maths this half-term, we will be focusing on money, multiplication, division, length and height . We will also practice addition and subtraction; multiplication and division. Please keep practising the multiplication and division facts for the 10, 2 and 5 times tables as this will strengthen your child's understanding of number. Your child has brought home their Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots login details to practice at home too!

Physical Education

Year 2 will be working on their dance skills with our coach from 'Key PE Sports', with a lesson every Wednesday. They will have a second P.E. lesson on Thursday.

Children must have their PE kit kept in school at all times.

They will need a pair of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a white t-shirt and a pair of pumps.

Earrings need to be removed for PE lessons, please take them out at home before coming to school.



Useful Websites:

We use lots of different learning resources and websites in school.

Your child will have login information to use for PurpleMash.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/gilnow>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcqqtf>

www.ictgames.co.uk

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Homework

Homework projects are given out at the start of the half term. Children are expected to be supported at home to complete as many of these tasks as they can, then return them to school before the end of the half term.

Essential Homework:

Read your school reading book at home at least 3x a week

Practice your weekly spellings or key words

Practice your 2, 5 and 10 times tables and key number facts (including using TT Rock Stars and NumBots)

Other Reminders:

Labels – Please ensure that all clothes have names inside.

Water Bottles - Please bring these in every day.