

Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have had a relaxing Summer break and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. We are really excited to welcome you into Year 2 and cant wait to get to know you all. We have spent a lot of time planning exciting activities and learning opportunities, and cant wait to get stuck into them, kicking off with our first topic all about the oceans of the world! Miss Atherton will be leading Key Stage 1 and together with Mrs McAvoy, Mrs Jaques and Miss Whitehead they make up the Year 2 team.

Maths

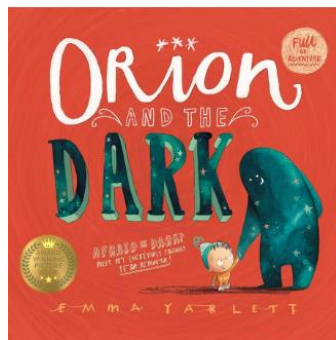
In **Maths** children will start by looking at Number and Place Value. Children will focus on numbers up to 100 in written and numerical form as well as how to use place value of tens and ones to order, partition, compare and estimate on a number line. This learning will build on their prior knowledge from Year 1 and lay the foundations for the rest of Year 2. Children must practice Big Maths and TT Rockstars at home to help them further.

English

In **English**, we will be reading Orion and The Dark, where the children will explore character description and write their own narratives. To complete the narrative, children will take part in a 'dark day' to publish their work. The children will write about confronting their own fears and write letters of advice on how to overcome these. All children will also take part in daily phonics teaching and regular handwriting lessons. Children will have weekly spellings to practice which are sent home on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.

Art/DT

In **Art** we will welcome James Brunt to school. James will work with Y2 and make sculptures using objects found in nature. be using nature to inspire a series of art activities.



Science

In **Science**, we will be learning about **Animals Including Humans**. In this topic, we will learn about the human life cycle, the basic needs of humans to survive and the importance of exercise. We will also spend time learning about the importance of oral

History

In **History**, we will be exploring our local history including some significant figures from our local area, focusing on sportspeople. We will learn about some of our local heroes and their achievements at the London 2012 Olympics.

RE/PSHE

- In **PSHE** children will learn about physical health and well-being and how to feel good about yourself.
- In **R.E** children will be learning about how to welcome new people to a community as well as looking at how Christians and Muslims welcome a new baby.

PE/Music

- In **Music**, we will be exploring rhythm, timbre and beat using our bodies and instruments.
- In **PE** we will be looking at how we can find space, move to avoid others and show control over how fast we move. 2RW will have a sports coach this half term.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

Our Geography topic will give children an opportunity to identify England and the UK within the context of the world. In RE, we will learn about how it is important to welcome new people to a community.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Children will be encouraged to face new Year 2 challenges with a growth mindset and develop as reflective learners. Children will reflect on their work in lessons and consider ways they could improve.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will consider the importance of maintaining a healthy mind and body throughout our Science and PSHE learning.

Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, we will question what we know about ourselves and find how we can improve our well-being. We will also investigate different climates and question why different locations have different weather systems.

Important information:

- **2MJ & 2MA** will have PE every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school on Tuesday dressed in their PE kit (white top, black bottoms and trainers). **2RW** will have PE on Mondays and must wear their PE kit then instead.
- Your child will read with an adult in school at least once every week on a 1:1 basis. This book will then be sent home to complete and re-read for fluency. Please ensure you log all reading on Boom Reader so we can work together to improve your child's reading skills. We ask that books are returned daily in their book bags so that we can take every opportunity to listen to your child read.
- Spelling and Big Maths/Arithmetic tests will be on a Friday, we will send these home alongside new spellings for practise throughout the week.
- In Year 2, children begin to use Times Tables Rockstars at home to practice times table recall. This should be accessed regularly to earn points and certificates.
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk if this has been paid for. Children should bring a named water bottle which will be stored in the classroom.
- Reward points are given out in the same way they were in Year 1, so please continue to log in and order prizes through the online portal.
- Following parental consultation regarding homework, we are currently reviewing our homework policy and further information will be available shortly. Thank you to those parents who completed the homework survey.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, or Miss Atherton who is the KS1 Leader. Thank you for your continued support – Miss Atherton, Mrs McAvoy, Mrs Jaques and Miss Whitehead