



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 can't wait to get to know you all. We have spent a lot of time planning exciting activities and learning opportunities. Mrs Swain will be leading Key Stage 1 and together with Miss Whitehead, Mrs Conway and Miss Swan-Francis.

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 'Pyjama Day' to celebrate 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 Year 2 and make sculptures using objects found in nature. The children will use 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 hygiene.

Geography

In **Geography**, we will be looking at 'What is it like to be looking at the Coast.'

Children will look at coast lines and the formation of coast lines. Children will look at the different coast lines across the UK and identify sea and oceans.

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 symbols are used to welcome new life.

PE/Music

In **Music**, we will be exploring rhythm, pitch and pulse using our bodies and instruments.

In **PE**, all classes will have the Leeds United sports coach and will be looking at look, run, avoid.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Our **Geography** topic will give children an opportunity to identify coast lines across the UK. They will also understand what makes coastal places special.

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.

Important information:

- **2RW, 2AC & 2JS will have PE every Monday and Tuesday.** Please ensure that children come to school on Monday and Tuesday dressed in their PE kit (white top, black bottoms and trainers).
- Reading books will be sent out as soon as possible, books will be changed once a week and sent home every Friday.
- Spelling and Big Maths 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 Rock stars 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 requested. 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.

Friday 16th October – Pyjama day to celebrate the end of our topic.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.
Thank you for your continued support.