

Year 2 Curriculum newsletter - Autumn 1 2024



Belonging

Respect

Responsibility

In **Reading**, stories will be our inspiration for reading during this half term. Our focus is to be able to sequence the events in a story and talk about effective word choices. We will learn to recognise compound words and words within words and chunk words into syllables as strategies for reading.

In **Writing**, we are learning to begin sentences in a variety of different ways, remembering to use a capital letter and full stop. We will also be extending our vocabulary with the use of expanded noun phrases. We will also be recapping over conjunctions such as and, or and but. For the half term, our writing focus will be re-telling traditional tales with a twist.

In **History**: We will be learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. We will learn about the changes she made in medicine and think about the impact these had on our lives today.

Our topic this half-term is
“Special Places”
followed by
“Bugs, Blood and Bandages”

In **Science**, we will be thinking about the importance of exercise, healthy eating and good lifestyle habits. We will also be talking about drugs as medicines and germ prevention.

In **SCARF**: Me and My Relationships.

We will discuss what our ideal classroom will look like and make pledges, think about our feelings and how we can be a good friend.

We will also discuss types of bullying and equip ourselves with strategies to use if it ever happens.

In **Computing**: The focus is keeping Safe. We will learn how to use the Internet safely. What should you do if you see something you are not comfortable with?

In **DT**: We will be using AI to help us design our setting from one the fairy tales studied and then make a moving picture by using levers and sliders.

In **Art**: We will be inspired by Pablo Picasso and be drawing self-portraits looking carefully at our features and their position.

In **Mathematics**, we are learning to recognise the value of digits in numbers up to 100. We will be focusing on number facts (like doubles and pairs that make ten) and understanding place value; knowing 10 more and 10 less and the position of each number on a number line or 100 square. We will be applying our number facts to measures and money. We will also continue to work on the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

In **Geography**: We will be looking at local maps in relation to the world. We will also be naming the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

In **PE**: In gymnastics, we will be learning key balances and performing them in a sequence. In games we will be learning different ways of sending and receiving a ball using our hands and feet.

Our PE days are:
Monday (outdoor) and
Wednesday (indoor).

We encourage you to come and speak to any member of the team to share your concerns and joys. Please ensure an appointment is made via the school office to speak with your teacher.

We are very impressed at how well all the children have settled into life in Year 2 and are following the routines in place to keep us happy and safe. Well done to you, parents/carers, for preparing them so well, we are looking forward to having a great year together!



How you can help your child at home:

Reading: Please continue supporting them by reading regularly their colour book band book and still sharing a story that you read to them. This is a valuable activity, which helps to develop their language and vocabulary. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary each time you read together. Remember to get a raffle ticket you must have read **at least three times** within the week.

Maths: Go on a number hunt whilst you're out and about looking for double digit numbers (house numbers, price labels, road signs, car registration numbers). You could also play BINGO! Ask your child to identify the number, can they tell you what one more and one less is? Choose a starting number e.g. start at 25 then recite the next ten numbers in the sequence, then choose another number and do the same.

Speaking and listening: At school the children will be watching Newsround, why not use this as an opportunity to ask them what they saw today and have a conversation about current affairs.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th September – “Tea and Tissues”
8.40am in the school hall – all welcome

Thursday 12th September – Year 2 visit to St Marys church (1pm-3pm)

Friday 20th September – Welcome Picnic
(further info to follow)

Friday 27th September – Macmillan coffee morning (further info to follow)

Wednesday 9th October – Year 2 Trip to Fort Nelson



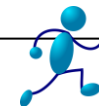
Belongings

Please ensure your child's name is on **all** of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. We already have items of unnamed clothing that have gone missing and have wasted valuable learning time looking for clothes.

Don't forget to:

- Send in a water bottle.
- Send in a book bag **every day**.
 - Send in a PE kit.
- Bring your reading diary **every Monday**.
 - Name all of your child's belongings.
- Check Tapestry for messages from the Class.

Check the “Weekly overview” newsletter that is sent by email every Friday.



PE

We will be doing outdoor PE on a Monday – outdoor kit can be worn into school.

Wednesday – Indoor P.E.

Please send in a named PE kit (plimsolls aren't needed)