

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 2018



Welcome back to an exciting new term in Year 2! We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday. Our topic this half term is

Home

Read on to see what we will be learning about!

Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.

ENGLISH	In English we focus on fairy tales and alternative fairy tales. We will also look at the Jolly Postman and write our own stories. During the first two weeks we are having a whole school superheroes theme and will also be having a Superheroes dressing up day on Friday 14 th September, so get your costumes ready!!
MATHS	Over the next half term we look at a number of mathematical areas including addition, subtraction and number and place value. The children will also be continuing with their half termly maths targets in year two. This will be given out at the beginning of the half term and the children will be tested on it every Friday during our maths lesson. Please make sure that your child practises the target regularly so they can progress confidently through the targets.
SCIENCE	In Science we will be learning about living things and their habitats.
DT	Our DT lessons will be linked to our science lessons and the children will be making bug hotels.
COMPUTING	We will be learning about what a computer is and the different ways we use them in every day life.
ART	In Art we look at the work of the British artist David Hockney. We will also be using our eyes to draw and sketch houses from observation.
PSHE	We focus on the theme 'It's our world,' thinking about our new classes and getting to know each other. We will also look at how to save energy, recycling and pollution.
GEOGRAPHY	In Geography we find out about our local area and look at aerial photographs. Children will be looking at maps of the United Kingdom and learning to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries in the UK.
RE	Our topic is 'Who should we follow?' - looking at people who set a good example to others and what makes a good leader.
MUSIC	The children will be exploring pitch and singing songs linked to our topic.
PE AND GAMES	In Games lessons the children will be doing mulitskills and in indoor PE they will be continuing to develop their dance skills.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

EXTREME READING PHOTO - Don't forget to bring in your photos for our new reading display of you reading a book in an exciting or interesting place. You can be as adventurous as possible!

BOOK BAGS - ALL CHILDREN MUST have a book bag (only £3 from the school office). Please ensure only books are kept in book bags and not fruit snacks or water bottles as we have had lots of damaged books in the past.

HOUSE PHOTO/DRAWING: We would like the children to draw a picture or take a photo of their house and then write their name and full address underneath. Please could the children bring this in by Monday next week (10th September) for our first Geography lesson.

WATER BOTTLES: Please send children in with a clear plastic bottle of water, labelled with their name to keep in the classroom.

HOMEWORK: The children will continue with their maths targets in Year 2. We will be sending home a copy of this half term's maths target; please ensure your child continues to practise their target daily over the half term. They will be tested on this target at the end of the half term in school. We will also continue to send home weekly spellings, which will go out every Monday and tested in school the following Monday. Maths and English homework will also be given out weekly, every Friday and will need to be given in by the following Wednesday at the latest. If you have any problems with homework, please feel free to come in and have a chat with us.

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course!) this half term so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. They will need a t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. They can wear their school jumper or cardigan. If your child wears earrings, please provide tape so that these can be covered during PE lessons. PE days are Wednesday and Friday for Year 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Skeens, Mrs Money, Mrs Carey & Mrs Critchlow
Year 2 Team