

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023



Welcome back Year 2!



We hope you all had a fantastic half term. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term.

PE Days

Our scheduled PE days are **Tuesdays & Fridays**.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their kit on those days. If your child has earrings, please either remove them for PE days or provide plasters to be put over them for safety. As the weather is quite unpredictable at this time of year and we will be doing the majority of PE outdoors, it would be a good idea to send your child in a track suit (plain colour) with optional shorts underneath.

Diary Dates for this term

Class ONLY dojo prize non-uniform day – Monday 6th Nov

Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Weds 13th Dec 2:30 pm – 3:30pm / Thurs 14th Dec 9:30 am – 10:30am

The website calendar is updated by the school office regularly so any upcoming events will be found on there.

English

Writing: Talk 4 Writing this term will incorporate Instruction writing and recreating a journey story. Children will learn to re tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood orally before innovating it and recreating their own version. We will focus on various grammar and punctuation rules throughout the unit to develop character description and suspense.

Handwriting: down letters are our focus this half term ensuring correct formation in preparation for lead ins.

Reading: Reading comprehension will focus on word meaning and retrieval of information.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction and Properties of Shape are our maths topics this half term.

We will also be continuing our daily times tables to improve accuracy and fluency. We will cover both 10 x table and 2 x table this term

Science Living things and their habitats

We will be continuing our work on local habitats as well as microhabitats. This will include looking at how living things adapt to their environment and where they belong within the food chain. We will also carry out a Choice Chamber experiment to look at the preferred environment of particular insects.

Geography

Our enquiry question this term is '*Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?*' We will be learning the different continents and oceans of the world and their position to one another. Children will then compare the UK with a contrasting country.

Music

Playing in an Orchestra is our Music theme this term. We will also be practising our Nativity songs.

RE

This term in RE, we will continue to learn about Islam and consolidate our knowledge and vocabulary so far. We will also look at what it means for Muslims to be part of their religious community locally and worldwide and how they welcome a new baby into their religion and community.

PSHE/RSE

We will be learning more about 'Health & Wellbeing'. This will include recognising and managing emotions as well as taking care of our bodies.

PE

This term we will be covering performance dance and gymnastics in our PE sessions. Performance dance will be delivered by our external coach.

DT – Baby Bear's chair

This term we swap from Art to Design Technology. We will be looking at what makes a structure strong and stable and how we can recreate this to create a chair for Baby Bear. We will draw upon previous learning from Year 1 when we made Windmill structures. We will evaluate and test our creations to check for strength, stability and effectiveness.

Computing

Algorithm and debugging

Children will be developing an understanding of what algorithms are, how to program them and how they can be developed to be more efficient through a range of unplugged and plugged-in activities.