

YR 2 NEWSLETTER



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Year 2 class Newsletter Autumn (1) 2023

We are so pleased to see all the children back at school and I would personally like to welcome all children and parents to Year 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday!

First Week Expectations

It has been really lovely to meet all the Year 2 children this week. They have settled back into school really well. They have been full of smiles and have loved seeing their friends again! The children have spent time getting to know the new routines of school and get used to their new classroom. They have been busy talking about the summer holidays and sharing with one another what they have been doing. This week your child will have come home with a new reading diary and reading book. Please can these be brought to school with the children every day and in a book bag if possible.



Our Topics this Half term

This half term our topic is Houses and Homes. We will be learning about different types of houses, looking at types of homes in the UK and around the world. We will also be learning about how homes have changed over time and what they were like in the past.

In **Art and DT**, we will be making model buildings as well as designing our own houses. We are going to look at the artwork by Paul Horton and create our own drawings using his style.



In **Science** we will be learning about materials. The children will be sorting materials, looking at their uses and testing materials properties.

In **Mathematics** we will be focusing upon the place value of numbers to 100 then moving onto addition and subtraction.

In **PSHE** we will be focusing upon the theme 'me and my relationships.'

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In **English** we are going to be reading a story called 'The Building Boy.'

This story is an adventure story about a boy who explores building a home in memory of his grandmother. We will also be reading some traditional stories and looking at non-fiction texts about houses and homes. The children will be learning to write sentences with different structures, and they will then write their own adventure story.

In **Computing** we are firstly learning about online safety and then completing a unit called 'drawing pictures.'

PE will be taught on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are named.

How can you help?

Please encourage your child to be independent by letting them carry their own belongings; encourage them to remember all their things etc. Try to keep positive about their learning and please do not worry about Year 2 SATs. I will inform you as much as possible throughout the year and we do not want the children to become anxious about these.

Home learning

Reading is still extremely important in Year 2. Please could your child read every night, even if it is just a couple of pages and record this in their reading record diary. Some children may bring some key words home to learn to read too. In Year 2, reading books will be changed on Monday and Friday. Maths and spelling homework will be set every Friday, this may be tasks to complete on paper or set online via the learning platforms Purple Mash and Ed-shed. Your child will have a home work book which will contain all tasks. Please could all home learning be completed, and books returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see me.

Mrs Willans