

# Year 2: Autumn 2 Curriculum

## English

In English, we will be reading the stories: Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Polar Express. The children will write their own version of Goldilocks by changing key parts of the story and they will write a diary or their 'journey' to the North Pole. We are working really hard on being holding a sentence in our minds, saying it out loud and then writing it down. We MUST have full stops and capital letters for ALL sentences in all pieces of work. We also need to think carefully about spelling words that should be familiar and using words around the classroom that are there to help. Our handwriting focus will be to make sure all letters are of the correct size and in the right position on the page. Children are encouraged to read and check that letters look correct and sentences make sense.



## Computing

We will use the computers suite to copy and paste and to save and retrieve work. Online safety lessons will focus on the importance of not sharing personal information with anyone online.

## Maths

This half term in maths, we will be focussing on addition and subtraction. Children will use bonds to 10 to help them learn bonds to 100. They will add and subtract two digit numbers where an exchange needs to be made. They will add three numbers together and use skills to solve word problems. We want the children to become confident in talking about maths and explaining how they know certain calculations are right or wrong. We will continue to practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10.



## Music

This term, children will use their voices to prepare for our Key Stage One Nativity. There'll be lots of songs to learn. More details will follow.



## SMSC

We will be discussing and playing games which help us think about real-life issues such as morality and being right or wrong, dental hygiene, showing kindness and online safety.



## Topic

This term we will complete our learning on coal mining in Hetton. We will compare the life of a child from Victorian times with now, sequence events relating to the miners' strike and research George Stephenson.

## Science

Year Two will become scientists when they learn all about: Animals Including Humans. They will look at the changes animals go through from birth until adulthood as well the importance of exercise and being healthy. The children will also develop scientific skills such as collecting data about their food choices and measuring growth of other children throughout school.



## RE

In RE, Year Two will be learning about why Christmas is important to Christians. They will find out about the events leading up to Jesus' birth, how Christians prepare for Christmas and why people might be thankful.

### Uniform and equipment

Despite the season changing, we do try to get outside to play whatever the weather so it is really important that all children have a warm coat everyday. Please encourage your child to be able to fasten and unfasten their coat independently.

All cardigans and jumpers must be named.

Earrings and jewellery are not permitted at school.

Children do not need to bring their own classroom equipment, stationery or bags. A book bag is sufficient for reading books, letters etc.

Children must bring a bottle containing water only, every day.

### PE

Year Two will be working on multi-skills as well as improving techniques in balancing, jumping and landing this half term.

All children **must** wear appropriate PE kit for school every Monday.

This kit consists of:

black tracksuit/leggings/joggers/shorts

black hoodie or jumper (especially for colder months)

plain blue t-shirt

trainers (preferably ones that children can fasten)

Football strips are **not** allowed.

### Key dates

December 5th - pantomime visit

December 14th – Christmas performance

December 15th– carols @ Church

December 19th - party

December 20th—break up

Please see Class Dojo for additional dates

### Ways to help your child.

**Reading:** Thank you for your support with reading books. It really makes a difference to progress when children read regularly at home and return their books on time. Books go home on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday. For children who have an Accelerated Reading book, theirs should be brought into school daily along with their reading record.

**Spellings:** Spellings go home on a Friday ready for a test the following week, therefore Spelling books should only come to school on Fridays. There is no expectation for children to practise spellings over a weekend or a holiday. What would really help your child is to keep going back to Common Exception Words for Year 1 and 2 (red tricky words). These can be found in reading records or online.

**Numbots** - all children have a Numbots account which can be accessed on any device. Numbots is a great way to increase confidence, speed and accuracy in recalling number facts AND the children love the certificates.

**1-Minute Maths from White Rose** is a great free app which supports the curriculum that we teach in our school. No app or log in required.

You also can find lots of maths games at

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7years/counting](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7years/counting)

Our school website has a list of other useful websites that contain games and activities to help consolidate learning.

