

Year 2: Autumn 1 Curriculum

English

In English, we will be reading the stories: The Night Shimmy and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Children will write their own version of the stories and they will create a non-chronological report about one of the characters

Handwriting focus will be to form letters correctly and of the right size. We will practise this skill everyday.

We will work hard and to make sure all sentences begin with a full stop, end with a capital letter and make sense when read back. We will start to use words such as **and**, **because**, **but**, to join sentences and we will think about writing in the past tense and using question marks.

Children will also continue to use their phonic knowledge to spell words with increasing independence.



Computing

We will use the computers suite to make sure we know the names of the parts of a computer and that we can use them correctly. We will practise changing letters on screen so they are bold, capital or different colours. We will also work together to make sure we know how to stay safe online.

Maths

This half term in maths, we will be focussing on counting and place value with numbers up to 100. This will include reading and writing numbers in words and numerals, comparing and ordering amounts, recognising and partitioning tens and ones as well as estimating. We will also be counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. We will begin to add and subtract two-digit numbers and learn how to use fact families to help with this. We will use the symbols $+$ $-$ $=$ $>$ $<$

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Rose
Maths

SMSC

Year Two will spend time with Miss Imrie this half term working on our Kidsafe programme. The children will complete activities about mental health and keeping safe.



Music

Children will listen and appraise music and begin to compose their own pieces using graphic notation and percussion instruments.



Science

Year Two will become scientists when they learn all about Living things and their Habitats. We will explore the outdoors and learn about food chains. We will hear and use some very impressive vocabulary, such as: carnivore, omnivore and herbivore. Mrs Cowan even have her fingers crossed that we get to explore habitats a little further with a science workshop. More information will follow...

RE

In RE, Year Two will be learning about what it means to be a muslim. We will find out what muslims call god and what they learn from their own holy words. We will find out about the Prophet Mohamed.



Topic

This term we will become historians and study Hetton and learn about coal mining in our local area. We will even pretend to be in a coal mine and think about how awful it must have been for young children who had to work there! We will also be doing some map work and learning some songs about the continents and oceans of the world.

Uniform and equipment

The children looked very smart this week and we thank you for your support adhering to the uniform policy. Here are a few reminders:

Please ensure **everything** is named.

No jewellery.

Earrings should not be worn.

Children do not need to bring their own classroom equipment or stationery.

Your child only needs a book bag and lunch box (if applicable).



PE

With Mrs Davies, Year Two will exercise and think about how and why it keeps us healthy. They will also work on co-ordination with activities where they'll need to balance on one leg!

All pupils **must** have appropriate kit which they should wear for school every **Monday**. PE kit consists of:

- black tracksuit/leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts,
- black hoodie or jumper for colder months,
- plain blue t-shirt,
- trainers (preferably waterproof ones that children can fasten).

Football strips are **not** allowed.

Art

We will look experiment with mark-making and by studying the work of the artist: Quentin Blake, the children will create their own concertina story books with their own illustrations.

Key dates

September 16th—Wake and shake starts
September 18th - Science workshop for Y2
September 30th—National Poetry Week
October 14th & 16th—Parents' evenings
October 15th—author visit to school
October 24th—break up for half term
October 25th—INSET day
November 4th—school reopens

Homework and ways to help your child

Reading – books will be given out every Friday. We expect that children read with an adult three times a week, although we do encourage children to read daily. We ask parents to help by communicating through the reading diaries and signing to say you have heard your child read. Please contact me via dojo if there are any problems. Books should be returned books by Thursday (so we have time to change them for Friday). **If your child accesses Accelerated Reader, they will be expected to have their book and reading log in school everyday.*

Spellings – spellings will be sent on Friday if your child has a list to learn. Tests will be the following Friday.
Other homework – you will be contacted via dojo if your child has other homework tasks. You may occasionally have other homework such as consolidation of maths/grammar skills or a research project for topic or science. I will contact you via dojo in this is the case.

Maths—all children in Year Two now have a Numbots account. This is a great way to build confidence in maths and help remember important number facts. It's lots of fun and children can earn certificates as they make progress. There will be separate letter with log in details for your child. We also encourage children to try 1-minute maths app at home, 1-minute maths links directly to our curriculum and needs no log in. It can be downloaded via the appstore on most devices.