

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. Below are just some of the activities we have planned for the children's first term in Year 2.

Autumn Term Topics

We will begin with our topic, '**Magical Materials**'. This topic will inspire our Science learning along with our Fairy Tale story writing module in English. We will explore different materials, how they can be sorted, classified and used. We will also look at how their properties allow them to be changed. The children will then have opportunity to apply this knowledge in exciting, practical tasks. Alongside our story writing, we will also be studying poetry in order to build the children's vocabulary and imagination. Our non-fiction modules will include explanation texts, allowing the children the opportunity to explore different structures and language.

After half term we will be moving forward with our '**Cracking Christmas**' topic. We will continue building on our story writing skills, introducing more complex sentence structures. The associated grammatical requirements of the Year 2 curriculum will be incorporated into the lessons to make them as fun and interesting as possible.

Maths

Our main focus in the first half term will be the concept of number. We will be exploring and reasoning about number whilst investigating ways of representing and manipulating numbers using a range of materials in practical ways before moving onto pictorial interpretations. This crucial learning will give the vital understanding needed to move onto calculation strategies in the second half term.

R.E

Throughout the term we will be looking at the concept of the Gospel and the good news, which Christians believe Jesus brings. We will explore how this influences Christians' beliefs and how they live their lives. In the run up to Christmas, we will be exploring how this festival is celebrated around the world.

Computing

As always, we will begin the year with a focus on online safety. In this ever-changing world, this is a vital component of the computing curriculum. We will also be exploring coding and spreadsheets, applying them to real life contexts and making links with our maths learning.

RHE

Continuing with our excellent Jigsaw scheme of work, we will start the academic year with "Being Me", exploring who we are - what makes us the same and what makes us special. We will then move onto "Celebrating Difference" and what we can learn from each other.

Geography

Our Geography this term will involve improving our mapping skills, both reading and creating them, along with investigating the continents of the world and the surrounding oceans and seas.

P.E and Games

This term, we will be improving our ball skills using both hands and feet. We will also be looking at movement and how dodging and jumping can improve our performance in a range of sports.

Children need to have a full **named** PE kit in school at all times including trainers, which should be Velcro if your child is unable to tie laces independently. As all lessons will be outside, could you please ensure your child has a jumper and either leggings or jogging bottoms. You may also wish to put extra socks in.

Other items to bring into school

Please provide your child with a named water bottle, warm coat and plimsolls (in addition to PE trainers). As we are using the field as much as possible in our class bubbles, children's shoes may become very muddy and they may need plimsolls for indoor use. As deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables have not yet re-started, could you please provide a healthy snack for your child, which will be eaten at morning break.

National Statutory Assessments

Year 2 children will undertake national 'End of Key Stage 1' assessments in May 2021. These will consist of two reading papers and two maths papers. Writing is assessed internally by the teacher but may be externally moderated. Uniquely this year, the Government have also requested that the current Year 2 cohort undertake a Phonics screening in the second part of the Autumn term. Further information about these assessments will be provided at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting.

Reading

Each week, children will be given 2-3 books for home reading from the school library. Specific changeover days will be given to each child, when we will ask you to return the books so new ones can be issued. You will be informed of your day in the first two weeks of term. We wish to encourage the children to do as much reading as possible and appreciate your support in this by listening to them on a daily basis. Reading a book more than once has many benefits and actually aids fluency so we actively encourage this. However alongside their school reading books, we would urge you to read any literature you have at home including story books, information books, magazines, leaflets or even cook books. **Please record what they have read in their reading records, detailing page numbers where appropriate.**

Homework

Along with reading, children will be given a weekly spelling pattern/activity to practise at home. Maths activities will also be provided to consolidate the week's learning. Due to the current situation all homework will be provided electronically, initially through Purple Mash. If you will not have access to a tablet or other computer for home learning, please let me know.

In line with our homework policy, the expectation is that Key stage 1 children spend 10-20 minutes each day on home learning (to include reading).

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any further queries, please contact the office to arrange a call after school. We look forward to working with you and the children to make this a productive and enjoyable term.

With kind regards,

Mrs Cole, Miss Walton and Mrs Daniell



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Autumn Term

