

Welcome to Year 2!

Happy new year! I hope you have all had a fantastic winter break.

I hope you find the information below helpful. Please feel free to contact the Year 2 team before or after school if you have any concerns or questions.

Miss Clayton 😊

English

Our unit for the Spring term is called 'Amazing Birds'. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts all about birds to inform our reading and writing outcomes.



Maths

We will begin this half term looking at place value, mass, volume and capacity. Following that, we will revisit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Later in the half-term, we will be solving real-world problems involving money.

Science

We will be investigating different everyday materials and learning about their uses.



Guided Reading/Spelling/Phonics

The children will have Guided Reading for 30 minutes every day. They will work within an adult-led/supported group for two of the sessions. We will spend time reading a range of different books and texts, exploring vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. The children will also have a 30-minute session every morning focusing on spellings and phonics.

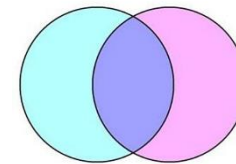
History

We will be learning about space and space explorers.



Computing

We will be learning how to create our own Venn diagrams to handle data.



DT

We will be thinking like engineers to design and build our own Space Rover.



PE

PE will take place on Monday mornings where Mr Ridge will be focusing on football and dance.

French

We will be learning the French names for instruments.



RE

This half-term's focus is about the Church. We will be asking:
How do we respond to the things that really matter? What unites the Christian community?

PSHE

Year 2 will learn that being thankful or having gratitude are other words for *appreciating*. Year 2 will be introduced to the Wheel of Gratitude and take part in *Happy Breathing*. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school, such as friendship problems and bullying.

Music

Our music will be delivered by Mr Baines on a Tuesday afternoon and we will be focusing on Musical Theatre.

Reminders

Creative – We will be getting messy and creative throughout the school year in subjects like art, DT and science. If you would like to bring in an old shirt for your child to wear during these activities, please bring them in and we can store them in the classroom to use as and when.

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!).

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday mornings. The children should come to school in their PE kit on Mondays.

Outdoor Learning – We will be doing some outdoor learning throughout the week, so the children should wear suitable clothes for being outdoors. We try to give the children outside playtimes in a range of weathers but, as the year goes on, the temperature (and overall weather) will be more variable.

Class Novel – We will be reading a selection of texts all about birds this term. Every day the children will have the next part of the stories read to them and discuss interesting vocabulary. Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in the story that day. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. This half term, your child's reading books will get changed on the day that has been allocated for them. Please use the Reading Records for you to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. Your child will be heard by a member of staff in Year 2 at least twice a week.



Homework

A homework menu and spelling list will be sent home each half-term with instructions for the tasks and how to hand the homework in. All logins are stuck into the children's reading records.

