

Welcome to Year 2!

Welcome back Year 2! I hope you've all had a lovely 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

This half-term, we will continue our 'Amazing Birds' unit. 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 how to measure lengths and how to apply this to solving real-world problems. Year 2 will also revisit addition and subtraction. Following that, we will be learning about fractions, direction and time.

Science

We will be learning about animals and their habitats.



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.

Geography

We will be learning about our local area as well as seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.



Computing

We will be learning how to use masking tools and green screens on editing apps to create our own videos to reenact scenes from the Wind in the Willows.



Art

We will be focusing on our sculpting skills to create plasticine and papier mâché animals in the style of Jeff Koons.



PE

PE will take place on a Friday afternoon where Mr Ridge will be focusing on striking and fielding skills in different games.

French

We will continue to learn the French names for instruments.



RE

This half-term's focus is Islam. We will be asking: How do we respond to the things that really matter? Why do Muslims believe it is important to obey God?

PSHE

Year 2 will be starting their new topic all about how we relate to each other, and we will 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 classical music.

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.

