



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2

Autumn Term 1

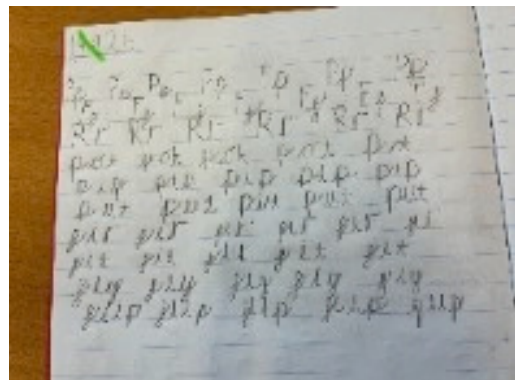
In Year 2 we have been getting used to our new classes and new routines.

English

We are starting a new way of writing this year, called I am a Clever Writer. We have spent the first two weeks of term focusing on handwriting to ensure we know how to form all of our letters correctly. Our first text will be Welcome Home Bear where we will be starting to focus on using a wide range of sentence openers and using the conjunction because. We will be using a range of texts to create retells over the half term including One Day on our Blue Planet and Gorilla.

How can I help at home?

Practice letter formation, including writing out weekly spelling words, focusing on letter formation and sitting properly in the chair. Reading with your child each day, even if it is only a few pages.



In Writing lessons we have been practising precursive handwriting.

Maths

We will be learning all about number and place value. We will be looking, first, at partitioning numbers into tens and ones and how we can use different apparatus to support this. We will then move onto using this knowledge to help us to add and subtract one and two digit numbers.

How can I help at home?

Encouraging your child to access Numbots regularly to support their subitising and number bonds.



Science

This term's theme for science is Materials. We will be finding out about different materials and their properties, exploring natural and man-made materials and how materials can be changed.



Phonics

Phonics will be taught four times a week with a spelling test on Friday. Pupils have been split across the 3 classes for phonics to enable them to work on the phase of phonics that is most appropriate for their understanding.

How can I help at home?

Ask your child to use their weekly spellings in a sentence. Ask your child to sound out new words when they see them in a book, or other contexts.

Personal Development

In PD we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World'. We will be celebrating what makes us who we are, identifying our hopes for the future and discussing what to do when things don't go to plan.





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Geography

This half term, we have a geography focus where we will be exploring our wonderful world. We will be looking at continents, oceans, climates and landmarks. Before looking more in depth at the continent of Europe where we will be creating a poster.



Art

This half term we will be focusing on Art. Our topic for Art will be 'Map It Out', where we will be looking at a range of artists' work and talking about their features and the use of different media. We will be using different media to make maps, making our own stamps and using them to print with. To finish, the children will be evaluating their work.



We have also been starting to create our own maps in Art, showing our route to school or somewhere else familiar.

Computing

We will be learning all about the parts of a computer and how to keep safe online. We will also use our computing time to explore using Numbots and learning how to log in and handle the computers with care.



Music

This half term we will be looking at developing beat, rhythm and pulse using the chime bars to explore musical notation.



Physical Education

In PE we are going to be developing our fundamental movement skills of agility, balance and coordination. We will also develop our teamwork skills, learning how to be a good team player, and communicate effectively with a group.

PE days are:

2ED- Tuesday and Friday

2AA- Tuesday and Wednesday

2SS- Monday and Wednesday



Reminder

The pupils will change their reading books weekly on a Friday.

If your child finishes both books before then, please read their library book or a book from home with them. Library days are:

2ED- Monday

2SS- Tuesday

2AA- Thursday