

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2

We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.
Best wishes, The Year 2 team

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2JW - Jess White, Amanda White

Topic

Our topic this half term will be Pirates! This will be the focus for all of our subjects.



English

This half term's focus in English will be on developing children's writing and grammar skills whilst reading some exciting pirate texts. Our main text will be 'The Pirate Cruncher,' which will give us the opportunity to really get into the role of a pirate! We will also be looking at some poetry, where we will have the chance to explore different styles of language and perform them.

We will continue to do daily reading and spelling, which will help to develop the children's English skills. We are also continuing handwriting practise to encourage pride in children's work and to improve presentation. We will be changing our approach to phonics lessons: Some children will continue to learn phonemes, while other children will be focusing on spelling patterns based on the Spelling Rocket. They will receive homework based on the phonics / spelling they are practising in school.



Maths

This half term there will be a focus on measurement, time and length. We will be consolidating reading analogue clocks, by using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will then be learning to read time to the nearest 5 minutes! Also, we will be using units of time (minutes and hours) in mathematical problems. For length, we will be using standard units of centimetres and metres to develop skills in measurement, estimation and comparison. Some of us will be continuing the weekly mental maths 'rocket' test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts,

Science

In science we will be looking at *Humans and Other Animals*, focusing on their needs to survive and stay healthy. We will also be looking in to how all creatures grow and develop into adults, as well as continuing to carry out a range of investigations.

Daily timetable:	Dates for the diary:
9:00-9:25 Reading	Tuesday 4 th December - Year 2 trip to the Albany theatre to see 'Pinocchio'. We will be leaving promptly at 9am!
9:25-10:25 English	Wednesday 12 th / Thursday 13 th Dec - House Points Trip for KS1 / KS2 - exact date TBC and house winners TBC!
10:25-10:45 Phonics / Spelling, with handwriting embedded	Monday 17 th Dec - Year 2 performance - 10am & 2pm
11:05-12:00 Maths	Thursday 20 th Dec - Class Parties
1:00-2:00	Friday 21 st Dec - last day of term
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE	PE days: 2LC - Wednesday & Thursday; 2JW - Monday & Wednesday; 2KD - Monday & Tuesday... but it is very helpful if you have your kit in every day!
2:15-3:15	
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