



Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back! We have had a really positive start to the new school year, and have enjoyed getting to know the children over the past week. Hopefully they are all starting to feel settled back into the school environment and routine, and are excited about the learning to come.

At the beginning of each half term, we will upload a newsletter to Google Classroom which outlines the topics that the children will be learning about over the coming weeks.

Before we explore this half term's curriculum, we would like to introduce you to the Year 2 teaching team!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Cooke• Amy McGuigan (Monday-Thursday)• Natalie Rivers (Friday)• Jo Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emma Rose• Tessa Speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica White• Fai Bartlett• Theresa Agbo

English

We began this term by looking at the text 'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers. This book has a strong PSHE focus and aims to support children with the transition of coming back to school.

This term's focus in English will be on developing the children's writing and grammar skills whilst reading some exciting pirate texts. Our main text will be 'The Pirate Cruncher,' by Jonny Duddle which will give us the opportunity to really get into the role of a pirate!

We will continue to do daily reading, phonics lessons and handwriting practise. The children will receive weekly phonics/spelling homework based on the sounds that we are learning each week in class. The phonics/spelling homework will be uploaded every Friday to Google Classroom and we will have an informal spelling quiz in class the following Friday. This isn't going to begin for a few weeks so until then please practise the Year 2 common exception words at home with your child. We have



uploaded a common exception word mat to Google Classroom to use as support.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value. We will be looking at counting forwards and backwards to 100, comparing numbers within 50 and recognising tens and ones within two-digit numbers. Later in the half term we will begin looking at addition and subtraction.

Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to learn their 2x, 10x, 5x and 3x tables!

Topic

Our topic this half term is Pirates. This topic will have a geography focus. We will be learning about the world's continents and oceans through our pirate voyage around the globe.

Science

We will be looking at the 'uses of everyday materials' this half term. We will be looking at identifying and comparing a variety of materials and will be carrying out lots of practical experiments.

PE

On days that they have P.E. children should wear their P.E. kit to school. Children should not bring a P.E. kit into school in a bag as they will not be changing for P.E. In addition to our PE slots, we also have two hours a week in the Nature Garden so please ensure that children are wearing comfortable, weather appropriate clothes each day.

PE days

2LC- Tuesday and Friday.

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 2 Team