

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back and supporting them as they continue their learning journey in Year 2.

English

This year, the children will explore a range of genres fiction, non-fiction and poetry. During this half term, we will be focusing on explanation texts, stories with recurring language and poetry. After half term, we will move on to report writing and calligrams.

We always love to see the writing that children complete at home. Please encourage your child to write as often as possible, whether this is through shopping lists, notes, reminders, stories or letters to friends and family.

Phonics and spelling will continue to be an important focus. The children will take part in daily phonics and Guided Reading sessions. Guided Reading will help children to enjoy a range of texts while developing their reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Reading

We will explore a wide variety of texts in class and encourage the children to recognise reading in everyday life. You can support your child at home by helping them spot and read different types of text, such as magazine titles, shopping lists, food labels and birthday cards, as well as enjoying storybooks, information books, magazines and comics.

Please read with your child regularly and make a comment in their reading record book. It is important that reading record books are brought into school regularly so that we can maintain good communication about your child's reading.

Maths

This term, we will begin by consolidating the children's understanding of place value and key number facts. The children will learn a range of strategies and methods to help them solve addition and subtraction problems, including mental strategies.

Throughout the year, the children will develop their understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, partitioning, shape, statistics, fractions and timetables. They will also be learning and practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Please continue to support your child's learning at home by encouraging them to use Mathematics.

Computing

In Computing, the children will have opportunities to use laptops, iPads and Chromebooks. They will learn about simulations, virtual worlds and email, including how to write emails and recognise potentially unsafe features.

We will also focus on e-safety and discuss how to use technology safely and responsibly. These activities will help the children to develop their confidence, creativity and digital literacy skills.

Foundation Subjects

In Science, we will be learning about different habitats.

In Art, the children will explore colour mixing and collage.

In History, we will be investigating and learning about our local area.

Physical Education (PE)

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit and suitable footwear on these days.

Please also ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every half term in the form of a homework grid. The activities will provide opportunities for the children to complete a range of creative, Maths and English tasks.

Please support your child with their homework at home, and do not hesitate to ask if you would like any advice about how best to help them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please arrange an appointment through the school office.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, fun and new experiences with your children!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ciftci