



Love, Learn and  
Grow

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**  
**Autumn Term**

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| Year 2 | Teachers:<br>Miss McErlean | Support staff:<br>Mrs Critchley<br>Miss Jeffries |
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| English | <p><b>Reading</b><br/>All children will continue to partake in short daily phonics session to continue their reading progress. We will revisit sounds and red words so they can read them by sight. The children will also complete reading comprehensions on different texts such as stories, poems and information each week.</p> <p><b>Writing</b><br/>As writers we will be learning how to write instructions for our very own Disgusting Sandwich. We will look at stories that take our imaginations to all different types of countries and look at what we might find there.</p> <p><b>Writing Focus</b><br/>Using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks<br/>Joining sentences using a range of conjunctions (because, as when, and, but, so etc.)<br/>Using adjectives to describe nouns</p> <p><b>Grammar and Punctuation Focus</b><br/>Knowing the 4 types of sentence: statement, command, exclamation and question.<br/>Knowing how to identify the present and past tense<br/>Being able to identify nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives<br/>Knowing which words need a capital letter<br/>Being able to use apostrophes for contracted words (can't/wasn't) and for singular possession (Zara's shoes)</p> |
| Maths   | <p>As mathematicians we will be working on place value of numbers deciding which operations and methods to use and why. We will then focus on addition and subtraction and shape in geometry.</p> <p>Times Tables<br/>Children need to know the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables ready for Year 3. They can practice learning them on TTRS, chanting them at home or by playing games.</p> <p>Arithmetic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Year 2 will complete daily arithmetic questions to improve their mental skills. They need to be able to complete questions like the ones below by the end of the year.</p> <p>80-10<br/> <math>5 \times 6</math><br/> <math>22 + 22</math><br/> <math>98 + 4</math><br/> <math>7 + 84</math><br/> 14 divided by 2<br/> <math>68 - 11</math><br/> <math>54 - 8</math></p>                                                                                 |
| Science                                                                                                                                                                          | As scientists we will be looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats' as we continue to discover different species around the world and what is needed for them to survive. In our second topic we will look at materials and learn about different properties they have.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| RE                                                                                                                                                                               | As followers of Jesus, we will learn that the Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments and explore different forms of writing, such as psalms. We will hear the story of Noah, reflect on God's promise, and think about what it means to care for the world through stewardship and Creation. We will also explore the Sacrament of Baptism, learning about its symbols and meaning as a sign of Jesus' love and welcome into the catholic family. |
| History                                                                                                                                                                          | As historians we will be looking at The Great Fire of London. We will explore what caused the fire and learn all about Samuel Pepys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Geography                                                                                                                                                                        | As geographers we will explore Continents and Oceans. We will find out about each continent and the oceans that separate them. We will develop our map and research skills. We will also learn about weather patterns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Art and Design Technology.                                                                                                                                                       | As artists we will be focusing on 'Line Drawing' and the different skills needed to create our final pieces. We will use the work of Yayoi Kusama for inspiration. In DT we will be learning how to build structures and design and build our own chairs for Baby Bear.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| PE                                                                                                                                                                               | In PE we will be focusing on awareness and mastering movement skills. We will also develop our sending and receiving skills in basketball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Music                                                                                                                                                                            | As musicians we will look at our singing and performance skills. We will practice rhythm and keeping in time to a steady beat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PSHE                                                                                                                                                                             | In PSHE we will understand the expectations for the year ahead and develop a feeling of ownership as a member of year 2. We will look the main features of the UK government We will develop understanding of God and why we are all important to Him. We will expand our thinking Kingdom of Heaven.                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><u>Additional Information</u></b><br><br><b><u>PE</u></b><br>PE will be on Friday afternoons. Children can come to school dressed in their PE kit and go home wearing it too. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### **Forest School**

Forest School will be Wednesday afternoons. Children can come to school wearing their forest school clothes. Children will need wellies and waterproofs as forest school takes place in all weather. Children can bring extra clothes to change into before going home if you would like.

### **Reading Books**

Please remember to sign your child's reading record when you hear your child read and ensure they are in their bags, along with their books, everyday so adults in school can hear them read too. Books will be changed once a week. Children will get a banded book to match their phonic level and can take home a reading for pleasure book from our class library each week.

### **Homework**

Spellings lists will be sent home at the beginning of every half term and the weekly lists stuck in blue homework books. Children are expected to learn their spellings and write them into sentences to practice their handwriting and punctuation. Please ensure these are returned to school every Friday. Children can also practice their spellings on Edshed.

Children will have an edshed and TT rockstars login stuck on the inside of their blue homework book. These are optional games for the children to play but are effective for learning and great fun too!

The homework grid is on Class 2 website page, seesaw and will also be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Children can complete tasks and we will do a 'show and tell' for completed projects on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

