

English

During the Autumn term we will begin by exploring the book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. Children will work on creating their own version of the story with three parts including their own key character. Children will also look at how to write a non chronological report based on our topic.

Throughout this we will continue to develop children's composition, spelling and grammar and vocabulary skills. We have phonics every day. The children will also have regular Guided Reading sessions to develop their word reading and comprehension skills.



Remember to check out our school website.
Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

PE

We will be focusing on attacking and defending games and dance during PE in the first half of the autumn term. We will develop and build up the necessary skills and focus on team work.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday each week. Please ensure PE kits are in school for the above sessions, trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE. We will be getting outside as much as possible before the colder weather starts! Please ensure all kit and uniform is named.



Reading Books

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school on a daily basis, thank you. It is important that your child reads as much as possible. We aim to change reading books on a Monday.



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Welcome back!

I hope that you are all rested after the summer holidays. I am very much looking forward to teaching your child in Year 2. The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call in and see me at the end of the school day.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.
Year 2 Team: Miss Midgley, Mrs Pickles, Mrs Oxlade and Mrs Walker

Computing

The children will use computing to support and enhance their learning throughout the curriculum. This will involve developing skills such as: finding things out, developing ideas, sharing information and evaluating.

We will use the programme Purple Mash to develop skills in Multimedia and Animation whilst also learning how to stay safe when on the internet.

Maths

We follow White Rose Hubs to teach Maths which incorporates lots of revisiting from your child's previous year to ensure that there are no gaps in their learning. We will focus heavily on number and place value and addition and subtraction skills before moving on to multiplication and division. Throughout each lesson, children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

During Year 2 the times tables to focus on are 2's, 5's and 10's. Any extra practise that can be done on these at home with your child would be very beneficial for them.

Remember to check out our school website.
Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism in their RE lessons, which will be taught by Mrs Pickles.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.



Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'One Kind Word'. Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 15th – 19th November this year. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us. During this week the children will learn that by making small simple changes and by carrying out acts of kindness, we can create a safe environment for everyone. Children will learn that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and together we can challenge bullying.

In E-Safety we will be teaching children what we use computers for and the difference between computers and iPads. We will also use age appropriate videos that teach safety online.

HeartSmart is an approach to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. We continue to make our heart smart this term with the topic, 'Get HeartSmart'. This theme will help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons.

We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Autumn Term will be 'The Great Outdoors'. Our first Learning Challenge for the autumn term is history based: *"How did the Great Fire of London start?"* We will start by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows (what I know/what I want to learn/what I have learnt). We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the topic and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the topic.

During this Learning Challenge we will be exploring the difference between life now and in 1666. Children will also learn about the events of the Great Fire of London and use a timeline to sequence the events. Children will also learn about the significant individual, Samuel Pepys and his famous diary.

In the second half of the autumn term, our learning challenge is: *"What makes Hutton Cranswick different to London?"*. The topic will have a geography focus and children will explore the UK Countries and Capitals along with our Local Area.



If you have anything related to our topic that you would like to share, we would love to see it! We will take great care of anything brought in.

Art/DT

Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our learning challenges this term. We will be developing our art skills in observational drawing by using our science topic as a stimulus. In DT we will be focusing on structures and mechanisms during the autumn term. These sessions will be taught by Mrs Pickles.

Homework

Children will receive weekly spellings to learn every Thursday and they will be tested the following Thursday. The spelling tests will be led by Mrs Pickles.

Children will also bring home reading books and journals. I kindly ask that you listen to your child read as often as you can and record this in the reading journal.

As the year progresses, occasional homework will be set. Please use the online learning platforms; TTRockstars, Bug Club, Spelling Shed, Mathletics and Purple Mash as and when you wish for additional learning at home.

Story Time

We always read a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year.

As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time back! Children hearing stories and being given time to visualise and repeat them is important. Each day we will read a class story. Please ask your child what we are reading!

