

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 2 CAT Day is held on a Monday, once a fortnight. On this day, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for messy activities in art, and physical activities in Drama.

P.E.

Year 2 P.E. lessons will take place every Tuesday. The children will need to bring a P.E. kit to school containing a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. We suggest your child brings their PE kit to school at the beginning of term and it is left in school until the next half term.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their reading books and reading record. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office for £4.50-£5.50.

Homework

In Year 2 we expect the children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book and where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- If your child has been given sight words, they should practise reading these every day. This can be found at the back their reading record.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Learn their spelling words ready for their spelling test on Fridays. Ideas to support your child with this are at the back of the spelling book.

Your child will be given mathematics and English homework each week. This will be set by the class teacher and can be found in their Google Classroom. The homework will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class that week and is designed to consolidate learning as well as extend and challenge the children further. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

We view homework as a positive opportunity to practise key knowledge and skills that are necessary for good progress. Whilst your child will not be punished for not returning their homework, they will be verbally praised and acknowledged for attempting it and we value any feedback regarding their attempt as we will use those questions that are causing difficulties as teaching points in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty completing their homework.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the KS1 Phase Leader, Miss Chandrarajah.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Curriculum Information



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English

All children in Year 2 now take part in daily English lessons alongside 30 minute Read Write Inc. sessions. The children will be writing a quest tale in the first term for Traction Man and will be writing a diary entry as a individual from The Great Fire of London. They will also be using the text Meerkat Mail in second half term.

The children will be taught to use the following skills in their writing:

- *powerful verbs
- *exclamation sentences
- *present tense verbs
- * expanded noun phrases
- *similes

Children will have opportunities to add description to their sentences and make adventurous, yet accurate, vocabulary choices.

They will also look at different sentence types and will explore a range of punctuation including apostrophes for both possession and contraction.

Children will continue to answer questions about their reading book but additionally will now be encouraged to ask sensible questions about the book they are reading and make predictions based on the text.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Continue to read daily with your child and foster a love of books.
- Talk lots! Children need to speak in clear sentences before they can write them.
- Take your child to the local library, it is full of a range of exciting books and is a great place to see what your child enjoys reading.
- Encourage your child to read a range of books.

Computing

- Children will be learning all about the World Wide Web and how it has developed over time.
- The will also be learning about how technology has developed over time.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

*support your child to log onto Google Classroom to complete tasks

P.E.

This term children will be learning gymnastics from a specialist teacher and will be learning to play send and return games. They will learn to:

- Describe and explain how performers can transition and link gymnastic elements
- Perform with control and consistency basic actions at different speeds and on different levels
- Challenge themselves to develop strength and flexibility
- Create and perform a simple sequence that is judged using simple gymnastic scoring
- Be able to track the path of a ball over a net and move towards it
- Begin to hit and return a ball using hands and racquets with some consistency
- Play modified net/wall games throwing, catching and sending over a net

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Mathematics

This term we will continue to use the Maths-No Problem! scheme of work. To ensure that children gain mastery in mathematics, each area of the mathematics curriculum will be delivered over a longer period of time. The teacher will break down each stage of the children's learning and provide them with plenty of time to practise the skills taught.

Children will continue to learn written methods for both addition and subtraction. (Please see your child's online learning and homework for examples of the methods) They will also learn to multiply, divide, measure, compare and solve problems involving length and mass. They will also begin to look at reading and estimating temperatures.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- recall 2x, 5x and 10x tables and their inverse
- ask your children to teach you the methods they are learning at school
- regular practise of basic calculations involving the four operations. (+ - x ÷)
- talk about length, mass and temperature with your child.

Topic Learning

This term we will continue to deliver the science, history and geography curriculum through cross curricular topic lessons.

This term your child will be exploring the following topics:

The Great Fire of London- Understand a historical event and why it happened.

Materials- Children will investigate the uses of everyday materials such as wood and plastic.

Ideas for supporting your child at home:

- Encourage children to research The Great Fire of London.
- Talk about different materials and what different objects are made of.
- Ask your child to talk to you about what they have learnt at school, this will help them to understand too!

Handwriting and Presentation

Children are learning the importance of clear and neat presentation in order to communicate meaning effectively. They will continue to use the Pospals scheme of work to help them develop fluency and speed with their handwriting by:

- having a correct pencil grip
- forming letters correctly
- knowing the size and orientation of lower-case and upper case letters
- begin to use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters

RE.

The children will be learning about what fasting is and why people fast. They will be looking at how this fits into different religions.

The children will also be looking at the question, "What special stories are told at Easter?" We will be discussing what Easter is and why it is important to Christians.