

Homework

We encourage all children to read for 10 minutes every day at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really does help them! The children can also work their way towards the top of our reading tree where they will receive a reward for all the wonderful reading they are doing at home. For every week they read four or more times at home they move up a branch on the tree. Once they reach the top of the tree they will receive a small prize for their hard work.

Children will be given spellings and maths homework on a Monday which should be returned by Friday. Please practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning.

Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 15 minutes. (These times are a guideline - some pieces may take less time, some more.)

Key Vocabulary

Please find enclosed a copy of the key words that we will be using in class to support our topic this term. Please spend some time with your child reading through and discussing the words on the sheet. This will help them to become familiar with the new vocabulary and reinforce the learning taking place in school. Thank you!

Termly Challenge

Each term we would like the children to contribute towards the class topic. This term we would like them to begin researching The Great Fire of London at home. They can present this information in any way they wish, e.g. make a poster, create a book, use the Book Creator App on the iPad, email us etc. It would be nice to have these in just after half term. Thank you for your support!

Expectations in Year 2

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

Class rewards

House points and stickers are given to individuals as reward for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Each day a child will be selected to be the star of the day and will get to spend the following day looking after our class mascot 'Twit-Twoo'.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries then please don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable year in Year 2!
Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cudmore



Year 2 Class Booklet—Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and the children are looking forward to starting their first term in Year 2. I know that I'm really excited to be teaching your lovely children full time this year and can't wait to get started. Hopefully this newsletter will give you an insight into what we will be learning during the Autumn Term, although I'm sure some things will change as we go along.

We begin the term with a 'Friendship Fortnight' which will focus on getting to know each other, settling into our new classroom and establishing new routines before starting our main topic for this half term entitled 'Here and There with Paddington Bear'. During this topic we find out about the many adventures of Paddington Bear and explore the magnificent city of London. If you have any books at home linked to our topic we would love for you to send them in so that we can share them with the class. We promise to take good care of them until the end of term.

English

In English, this term, we will be enjoying lots of Paddington Bear stories and will base our writing around these. We will then move on to writing a non-chronological report on London. After half term our focus will change from geography to history and we will begin exploring the Great Fire of London. This will lead to recount and diary writing. We will also be writing instructions explaining how to make a Tudor House.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- * Whole class reading
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- * Handwriting practice — In Year 2 we will begin by focusing on letter formation and the correct use of lead ins before moving on to joining our letters later in the year.
- * SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.
- * Weekly spellings are sent home to reinforce what is being taught in school.
- * Weekly visit to the library on a Monday afternoon to choose a new book for the week.

Maths

In maths we begin the term by working on Place Value, which is an essential foundation skill that the rest of the year's maths builds upon before moving onto addition and subtraction and exploring the relationship between these two operations. After half term we will focus on developing their knowledge of money and being able to recognise and count different coins and notes. We will explore the different ways we can make a given amount and link to this to every day life. By the end of Year 2, most children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They should be able to recall these facts quickly and randomly.

We will be exploring the following units this term:

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| ◆ Number and Place Value | ◆ Addition and Subtraction |
| ◆ Measurement—money | ◆ Multiplication and Division |

This term the children will take part in a daily 15 minute maths session called 'Snappy Maths'. During this session the children will learn a range of strategies to help them recall their addition and subtraction facts within 10 building on the work they completed in Year 1. Securing fluency in this area will enable the children to make connections in their learning and help them to free up their working memory so that they can reason and problem solve about their maths when faced with more complex problems to solve.

Science

This term our science topic is 'Exploring Everyday Materials'. As part of this topic the children will develop their knowledge of a variety of materials and their properties, learn that some materials occur naturally and some do not, understand that we can change materials by using forces, heating and cooling. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

RE

In RE this year we will be focusing on the two religions of Christianity and Islam. We begin the Autumn term by considering who is important to us before learning about who is important to Christians and Muslims. We will explore the following two questions: Who is Muslim and how do they live? Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Art / Design and Technology

In Art we will learn what a silhouette is and use a range of techniques to create our very own silhouette picture of London. After half term, we will be designing and making our own Tudor House. We will also create a replica of our Tudor House so that we can set fire to it and imagine what it would have been like in 1666. This is always an exciting way to end our topic.

Computing

This term and throughout the year we will learn about the importance of how to stay safe online. We will be using the iPads and the Book Creator App to create a fact file all about ourselves and a map of London. After half term we will begin our coding unit where we will learn that programs respond to different sorts of inputs, and that the keyboard can be used to control objects on screen, not just by clicking them directly.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Each week the children will have a PSHE lesson based on the Jigsaw Framework. This half term we begin our unit 'Being Me in My World'. During these lessons we will identify some of our hopes and fears for the year ahead and recognise when we are feeling worried and know who to ask for help. We will discuss the rights and responsibilities of being a member of our class and school and reflect upon our school motto 'Be Brave, Be Kind, Belong'. Each half term the children will choose from a range of classroom jobs that they would like to be responsible for. We will also discuss rewards and consequences and how we can make our classroom a safe and fair place to learn.

Geography / History

In Geography we will be looking at our local area and what makes it special. We will then find out some interesting facts about London and begin to compare the similarities and differences between these two locations. In history we will learn about the Great Fire of London which took place in 1666 and investigate the impact this disaster has had on shaping our fire service today.

Music

The children will have music with Mrs Couch on a Wednesday afternoon and will be focusing on the song 'Hands, Feet, Heart' by Joanna Mangona. This is a song that celebrates South African music. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, the children will also listen and appraise different styles of South African music. After half term we will begin learning and practising the songs for this year's Christmas Play.

PE

This term the children will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Rickard and a Friday afternoon with Mrs Cudmore. Please remember to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days. This half term we will be developing a range of ball skills during our games unit. We will use the skills learned to roll, throw, catch, strike and kick a ball in a range of small game situations.