

# Year 2 Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back to school, and to Year 2. We hope that you had a relaxing summer and are ready for a busy year ahead.

	Key knowledge and vocabulary	Suggested home activities	Subject Teacher
<b>English &amp; Grammar</b>	<p>This half term, Year 2 will be focussing on 'Fantastic Mr Fox' as well as non-fiction and poetry texts about nature. Children will be writing a number of creatives pieces from different genres including a recount, report and poem.</p> <p>The children will be consolidating all of their grammar knowledge with a specific focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person</li> <li>• using apostrophe's for possessions and contractions</li> <li>• using the suffixes –er, -est, -ment and –ness</li> <li>• co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions</li> </ul> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> retrieve, inference, setting, characters, suffixes, irregular verbs</p>	<p>Reading a variety of different fiction and non-fiction texts.</p> <p>Discussing the features of different texts with an adult at home.</p>	Miss Slater and Mr Acaster
<b>Mathematics</b>	<p>This half term, Year 2 will be learning about time and 3D shapes. In time, they will be learning to tell the time to 15 minute and 5 minute intervals and begin to calculate duration. They will be learning to identify different and their properties.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> faces, vertices, base, edges, apex minute hand, minute scale, hour hand, hour scale, quarter past, quarter to, half past</p>	<p>Identify 3D shapes around the house</p> <p>Practise telling the time daily with an adult</p> <p>Practise 'Learn Its' (maths facts) at home for 5 mins each day.</p>	
<b>Ancient History</b>	<p>In history this half term, Year 2 will be learning about the first emperor of Rome, Augustus, and how Roman society worked.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> Emperor, Pax Romana, aqueduct, senate, patricians, citizens, slaves,</p>	<p>Discuss their leaning with an adult at home</p>	
<b>Science</b>	<p>In science this half term, the students will be continuing to learn about plants. They will be learning and investigating the needs of plants,</p>	<p>Identify different plants when outside</p>	

	<p>how plants are adapted to their environments and why we need plants.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> seed, bulb, seedling, oxygen, carbon dioxide, chlorophyll, photosynthesis, stem, anther, roots, petals, adaption, edible, inedible</p>		
<b>Geography</b>	<p>This half term in Geography, Year 2 will be learning about the United Kingdom. They will be learning about the differences between cities, towns and villages; some of the important cities in the UK and how to write addresses.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> Capital city, United Kingdom, Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, city, town, village, urban, rural, post code</p>	<p>Read non-fiction books about our topics at home with a parent. Libraries are now open again for you to explore.</p>	<p>Miss Slater and Mr Acaster</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>Children will learn about Albrecht Durer and the key concepts of pattern, print and design.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> Pattern, printing, Albrecht Durer, rhinoceros.</p>	<p>Show pupils Albrecht Durer's woodcut print 'Rhinoceros'.</p>	<p>Ms Clarke</p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>The children will learn action and topical songs and use classroom instruments. They will develop their understanding of Pitch (Lah Soh Me Ray Doh), Duration and Timbre. They will listen to Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev.</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> Lah, Soh, Me, Doh</p>	<p>Sing class songs</p>	<p>Mr Appleby</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>This term, year 2 students will be doing multiskills activities with the main focus being Tennis. Which will involve running, jumping, throwing and catching, shooting, dribbling, racket handling, bouncing in isolation and in combination.</p> <p>They will develop and enhance the components of fitness (flexibility, agility, balance, co-ordination, reaction time, endurance, speed and strength).</p> <p><u>Key vocabulary:</u> Bounce, Stoke, Net, Racket, Spint.</p>	<p>Try to increase your physical levels by walking everywhere, going on bike rides, doing social media fitness sessions and eating healthy.</p>	<p>Mr Adom</p>

## Physical Education

Red class has PE on a Monday and Tuesday.

Blue class has PE on a Monday and Friday.

On the days that your child has PE, they must come in wearing their PE clothes and cannot get changed at school.

## Homework information

### **Maths**

Weekly maths homework will be set on either, 'Maths with Parents' or 'Mathletics'. Students will be set **homework** for **Maths** on **Fridays**.

### **English**

Students will set weekly English Homework linked to what they have been learning in class that week. **Homework** for English will be given on **Friday** to be handed in by **Tuesday**.

**Spellings** are given on a **Friday** and tests are on a **Friday**.

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