

Year 2 Autumn Term 2: What a Wonderful World



Geography

As geographers, we will be identifying continents and oceans, looking at climates and comparing countries across the world. We will also be developing our map skills, focusing on compass points and grid references.

History

As historians, we will be retrieving our knowledge about sources of evidence and key facts about the Great Fire of London.

English

As writers, we will be developing our character description skills using adjectives, similes and alliteration. We will then be learning how to write effective postcards and letters, drawing on our geography knowledge of the world.

As readers, we will be building our comprehension, inference and retrieval skills. We will also be continuing to develop our phonic skills.

Design and Technology

As design and technologists, we will be looking at food from around the world and hope to make some food too!

Computing

As computing technologists, we will be using Seesaw and Scratch Jr to learn how to use coding to create our own games.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning about materials. We will be investigating the properties of different materials and testing whether these materials are suitable or unsuitable for different purposes. We will also be researching pioneering scientists who were famous for developing new materials.

Music

As musicians, we will be developing our singing and performance skills by learning songs for our Christmas nativity performance.

PSHE

As citizens, we will be celebrating people's similarities and differences.



P.E.

In our PE lessons, we will be learning yoga techniques and playing target games.

R.E.

In our Religious Education lessons, we will learn about how Christians believe Christmas celebrates Jesus being given as a gift from God.





Year Two: Autumn Term 2

We hope the children have enjoyed their first half term in Year 2 – they have all settled really well and have impressed us with their hard work and effort.

This half term our theme has a geography focus and is called *What a Wonderful World*. Within this, we will learn about the 7 continents, oceans and some of the countries around the world. We will also be learning about their climate and developing our map skills, looking at grid references and compass points.

English

This term in English, we will be writing character descriptions building up our use of powerful adjectives, as well as similes and alliteration. We will then link our work to our theme, looking at postcards from around the world and writing our own. Later, we will move on to a unit of work on letter writing, building on what we have learnt about writing postcards.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to revisit and revise our work on place value. We will also continue with the work we have started on addition, later moving on to subtraction. Following that, we will begin to look at multiplication and division.

In all of our work, we use practical resources as much as possible, then support the children in recording these pictorially and finally move on to abstract calculations. We have been putting examples of our maths work on Seesaw, so please look out for this to see what your child has been up to.

PE Kits

Our PE days are:

2 Kahlo	Wednesday and Thursday
2 Magritte	Wednesday and Thursday
2 Maurice	Thursday and Friday

The children will need to come into school wearing the appropriate kit for outdoor PE lessons, as well as being outside at break and lunch times: white T-shirt, plain dark-coloured tracksuit, trainers (not plimsolls or Converse please). Please ensure that all school cardigans, jumpers and PE tops that the children remove are all still clearly labelled. Please also make sure, where possible, that your child has shoes and trainers that they are able to fasten independently (e.g. Velcro fastening if your child is not yet able to tie laces). If your child would like to practise and learn how to tie their shoelaces this is a useful clip to help: <https://rb.gy/fauj4>

Home Learning

Please continue to use Bug Club and Reading Eggs as great online resources to help your child develop their reading skills at their level. We will also continue to send a reading book home every Monday, which need to be returned on a Friday to quarantine over the weekend. We will send a new book home once the old one is returned. Over the weekend, please use the online reading resources to help your child continue to practise.

Spellings will continue to be linked to our phonics work and will be set every Friday on Spelling Shed. The children will need to log in to practise their words. We will then do a test on those words on the following Friday. Please also continue to support your child in learning to read and spell the Year 1/2 Common Exception Words throughout the year.

We will be setting one piece of Home Learning each week on Seesaw on a Friday and this will be due in by the following Thursday. This will be linked to a piece of their learning each week in different areas of the curriculum.

If you have any questions of concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or one of the team.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team