

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 2! We are delighted that the children are settling in really well and are enjoying their new classrooms. They are all looking smart in their school uniforms. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

Our topic this half term is: Happy Homes

We will look at different habitats and find out which animals and plants are found in different habitats. We will visit an allotment on Friday 27th September to observe how different plants grow in their habitats. We will visit The Wetlands Centre on Tuesday 8th October and discover some of the minibeasts that live in habitats at the Wetland Centre and learn some of the ways in which habitats are important to minibeasts.

Most of our learning this term will be linked to our topic. Below are the things we will cover:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recount writing - holiday news, trip to the Wetland Centre Instructional writing - how to make bird pud Sounding out, rehearsing the sentence you want to write, capital letters, full stops, Focus texts: Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister and Moon by Britta Teckentrup Reading non-fiction books about habitats 		<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value - how many tens, how many ones, showing numbers in different ways e.g. using numicon, dienes, own drawings Addition Subtraction More than > and less than < Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from any number Number problems Estimating Length and height - e.g. measuring wood for Bug Hotels 		<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. Habitats we will investigate are desert, ocean, polar and woodland Introduction to food chains Trip to the Wetland Centre to take part in the workshop 'Which minibeasts live in a Wetland?' Compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. 	
<u>Geography</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continent and oceans 	<u>DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT Day - 15th Oct Design a 'happy home' Make a 'happy home' Evaluating our design 	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logging on Logging off Using a keyboard Save, amend and resave work 		<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball skills Techniques for throwing and catching Composing simple dances - theme: feelings 	<u>PSHE</u> <u>Friendship: Me and My School Friends</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitions Politeness and good manners Cooperation Self-esteem

Please check your classroom door to find out what your child will be learning that week.

How you can help:

- Your child will bring home reading books and a library book. The time you spend reading with your child is very valuable and we ask that you write in their reading diary as often as possible. We also welcome notes about other books they read at home, not just the ones from school.
- A trip to the library to learn more about habitats would be brilliant. You could even make your own 'Happy Homes' book that could be shared with the class.
- Display a world map, read an atlas or look at a globe with your child. Talk about the places in the world that are important to your family. Discuss the animals that live there and why.
- Parent helpers are always very welcome in school. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

Other news:

- Remember to look on your child's classroom door to make sure your child brings in their PE kits, reading records and homework books on the correct days.

	Venus	Saturn	Mercury	Jupiter
PE	Thursday and Friday	Wednesday and Friday	Monday and Friday	Monday and Thursday
Maths Homework due	Friday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
Spelling Test	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday

- Following feedback from parents, we will be holding a 'Welcome to Year 2' meeting on Friday 13th September at 9am in the Small Hall.
- Also following feedback from parents, weekly reading mornings will take place every Friday from 9-9.15am during Autumn 1.
- If you could help out on our trip to either the local allotment on Friday 27th September or the Wetlands Centre on Tuesday 8th October, please speak to your child's class teacher.
- Year 2 will be having a DT Day on Tuesday 15th October. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.
- Family groups are on Monday 14th October.
- 'Wear it Pink' Day is on Friday 18th October.
- Poetry Week will be w.beg 21st October.
- The KS1 Harvest Assembly for children will be held on Tuesday 22nd October.
- Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Consultations 4-7pm. Thursday 24th October - Parents Consultations 2 - 5.30pm. School closes at 1.45pm.
- Friday 25th October will be our last day and we will start back on Monday 4th November.

Many thanks, Year 2 team