

# Year 2 Newsletter



## Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 2! We are delighted to welcome the children back into school and we are looking forward to an exciting year!

Our topic this half term is: Happy Homes

We will find out which animals and plants are found in different habitats and why. We will think about how we can look after nature in our local area by building a bug hotel for our school grounds and by making bird pudding for the birds as it gets harder for them to find food.

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

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will focus on sounding out, rehearsing the sentence your child wants to write, capital letters, full stops and question marks</li> <li>Rainbow Fish - re-writing the story by changing the characters, setting and object to be shared</li> <li>Instructional writing - making bird pudding</li> <li>Poetry - Animal Voices</li> <li>Reading non-fiction books about habitats</li> </ul>		<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place value - how many tens, how many ones, showing numbers in different ways e.g. using numicon, dienes, own drawings</li> <li>Addition</li> <li>Subtraction</li> <li>More than &gt; and less than &lt;</li> <li>Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from any number</li> <li>Number problems</li> <li>Length and height - e.g. measuring wood for Bug Hotels</li> </ul>		<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. We will investigate desert, urban, ocean, polar and woodland habitats. We will also visit the Wetland Centre to learn about micro-habitats and the animals that live there.</li> <li>Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain.</li> <li>Plant bulbs and observe them over the year as they grow into mature plants.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continent and oceans</li> </ul>	<p><u>Art</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painting recall of colour mixing, tinting and shading</li> <li>Artist Study - Alma Thomas</li> </ul> <p><u>Music</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a class composition</li> <li>Use body percussion and non tuned percussion instruments</li> </ul>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discuss</b> the uses of IT and explain why we use it</li> <li><b>List</b> the different rules for using IT and explain the choices that we make when using IT</li> <li><b>Use</b> J2E mix to create a powerpoint, applying skills of keyboard, colour and tools</li> </ul> <p><u>DT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design a 'happy home'</li> <li>Make a 'happy home'</li> <li>Evaluating our design</li> </ul>		<p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving skills e.g. skipping, jumping, changing direction</li> <li>Ball skills</li> </ul>	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p><u>Being Me in my World</u></p> <p>Hopes and Fears for the year</p> <p>Rights and Responsibilities</p> <p>Rewards and Consequences</p> <p>Working well with others</p>

## PE

On PE days, the children can come to school in their PE clothes. PE lessons will take place on:

Jupiter: Wednesday and Friday

Mercury: Monday and Thursday

Saturn: Tuesday and Wednesday

Venus: Tuesday and Friday

## Tapestry

Tapestry will be used to share examples of work and activities that the children have been doing in class. It will also be used to communicate messages to parents. Please 'like' the posts to let us know that you have viewed them.

## Homework

Maths and Spelling homework will be sent home during the week beginning 18th September and will be due the following week.

## Dates

- Friday 15th September - Parent Information Meeting about Burlington Infant and Nursery School 9am Great Hall
- Wednesday 4th October - Y2 visit The Wetland Centre. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help on this trip.
- 5th October - Individual school photos
- Harvest Day assembly - date TBC
- Wednesday 18th 2-5.30pm and Thursday 19th October 4-7pm Parent Consultations. School closes at 1.45pm on Wednesday 18th.
- Friday 20th October - Wear it Pink Day, Last day of the school half term

Many thanks,  
Year 2 Team