

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 2! We are delighted to welcome the children back into school and pleased that they are settling in and enjoying their new classrooms. They are all looking smart in their school uniforms. 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:

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will focus on sounding out, rehearsing the sentence your child wants to write, capital letters, full stops and question marks• Recount writing - holiday news• Instructional writing - making bird pud• Rainbow Fish - re-writing the story by changing the characters, setting and object to be shared• Poetry• Reading non-fiction books about habitats	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. Habitats we will investigate are savannah, ocean, polar and woodland.• 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>Art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour mixing • Collage • Whole school art project <u>DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a 'happy home' • Make a 'happy home' • Evaluating our design 	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging on/off • Using a keyboard • Introduction to E-safety • Presentation skills 	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball skills <u>Music</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using body percussion • Practising rhythm <p>Each class will have a half term to play the chime bars. This half term will be Mercury.</p>	<u>PSHE</u> <p><u>Being Me in my World</u> Class rules Self-identity Being gentle Rights and responsibilities</p>
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Reading

- Your child will bring home 2 reading books each week. All classes will bring their reading books home on a Monday. We will collect the books on a Friday to ensure that they are clean for redistribution on Monday. Please also complete your child's reading record and hand that in on a Friday and we will return these to you on a Monday.
- In addition to this the children have access to Bug Club where there is a range of books that your child can read with follow up activities and games.

This is a reminder about how to log on.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Open with Google chrome and allow pop-ups (this is very important).

Login with the following:

Username: enter your child's lgfl login (excluding .314)

Password: bugclub

School code: rkhk



PE

- Please remember that this term, children need to wear their PE kits to school and that they will be allowed to wear them for the whole day. PE lessons will be outside so children are allowed to wear a tracksuit so they do not get cold. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled. Outdoor PE lessons will take place on:

Mercury: Monday

Venus: Tuesday

Saturn: Thursday

Jupiter: Friday

Tapestry

- Tapestry will be used for teachers 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 sign the Tapestry Online User Agreement to activate your child's account.

Phonics Screening Check

- You may be aware that Year 2 children will take the phonics screening check that they did not take in Year 1 due to the cancellation in June 2020. The Year 2 children will take part in the phonics screening check after the half term (week commencing 2nd November) and your child's result will be shared with you.

Dates

- Week commencing 21st September - Whole School Art project
- Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Assembly for children
- Parents Consultations - currently we are planning the best way to hold these and will let you know the arrangements as soon as possible.
- Friday 16th October - 'Wear it Pink' Day
- Friday 23rd October - Last day of the school half term

Many thanks,
Year 2 Team