

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term 1



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 bug hotels and by making bird pudding for the birds when 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> - We will focus on sounding out, rehearsing the sentence your child wants to write, capital letters, full stops and question marks - Use a range of openers to start sentences, later, eventually - To write sentences with commas when including a list - To write sentences with adjectives (expanded noun phrases)		<u>Maths</u> - 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 - Length- e.g. measuring wood for Bug Hotels		<u>Science</u> - 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. - Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain.	
<u>Geography</u> Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continent and oceans	<u>Art</u> - Painting: recall of colour mixing, tinting and shading - Artist Study - Alma Thomas <u>Music</u> - Create a class composition - Use body percussion and non tuned percussion instruments	<u>Computing</u> - Discuss the uses of IT and explain why we use it - List the different rules for using IT and explain the choices that we make when using IT - Use J2E mix to create a powerpoint, applying skills of keyboard, colour and tools <u>DT</u> - Design a 'happy home' - Make a 'happy home' - Evaluating our design	<u>PE</u> - Moving skills e.g. skipping, jumping, changing direction - Ball skills	<u>PSHE</u> <u>Being Me in my World</u> Hopes and Fears for the year Rights and Responsibilities Rewards and Consequences Working well with others	

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 14th September and will be due the following week.

Year 2 Dates

- Friday 11th September, 9am Great Hall: Parent Information Morning and Online Safety Parent Workshop
- Friday 18th September, 9am, Infant Hall: Welcome to Y2 Parent Meeting and then visit Y2 Classrooms
- Friday 25th September, 2.30pm Great Hall: PTA Annual General Meeting (all welcome)
- Monday 28th September: Y2 visit The Wetland Centre. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help on this trip. (More information to follow)
- Wednesday 14th October: Individual School Photos
- Friday 16th October: PTA Monster Ball (time TBC)
- Wednesday 21st October: 2-5.30pm and Thursday 22nd October 4-7pm: Parent Consultations. School closes at 1.45pm on Wednesday 21st
- Friday 23rd October: Wear it Pink - children can wear non-uniform clothes including something pink in support of breast cancer research
- Friday 23rd October: Last day of the school half term

Please see the school newsletter for other key dates.

Many thanks,
Year 2 Team