

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• Rainbow Fish - re-writing the story by changing the characters, setting and object to be shared• Instructional writing - making bird pud• Poetry - Animal Voices• 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. We will investigate desert, ocean, polar and woodland habitats. We will also visit the Wetland Centre to learn about micro-habitats and the animals that live there.• 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 <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"> • Fitness • Yoga <u>Music</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a class composition • Use body percussion and non tuned percussion instruments 	<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
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PE

Continuing from last year, children can wear their PE kits to school and they will be allowed to wear them for the whole day.

PE lessons will take place on:

Jupiter: Tuesday and Friday

Mercury: Tuesday and Friday

Saturn: Tuesday and Thursday

Venus: Tuesday and Wednesday

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 '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 12th September and will be due the following week. The children are completing a spelling quiz of the Year 1 and 2 common exception words. Your child will have individual spellings based on the words they need to learn from this list.

Dates

- Friday 9th September - Welcome to Year 2 Information Session and an opportunity to visit your child's new classroom
- Friday 16th September - Parent Information Meeting about Burlington Infant and Nursery School
- Wednesday 5th October - Y2 visit The Wetland Centre. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help on this trip.
- Thursday 13th October - Harvest Festival

- Wednesday 19th 2-5.30pm and Thursday 20th October 4-7pm Parent Consultations. School closes at 1.45pm on Wednesday 19th.
- Friday 21st October - Wear it Pink Day, Last day of the school half term

Many thanks, Year 2 Team