

Computing

- *What is Information Technology?*
- Learning about what it is and when it is used at home, at school and in the wider world.

PSHE

- Talking about our hopes and fears for Y2.
- Working cooperatively with others.
- Learning about rights and responsibilities in our classroom.

Welcome to Year 2.

We have lots of exciting topics to inspire our learning and to help us develop our skills in reading, writing, thinking, talking and problem solving.



Science

- Our first topic is called **Healthy Bodies**.
- Learning how to keep our bodies healthy.
- Finding out about food and nutrition.
- Learning about scientists and their discoveries about keeping healthy.
- Completing sorting and grouping activities.
- Comparing things and looking for similarities and differences.

Geography

- Learning about the continents and oceans.
- Using an atlas to locate places.
- Learning geographical facts about different places.

RE

- Learning about signs and symbols in the world around us and across different religions.

Music

- Playing high and low sounds
- Identifying tuned and untuned instruments

Art

- Exploring making lines using different media including printmaking.
- Creating texture and pattern.
- Exploring the art of Yayoi Kusama.

PE

- Swimming lessons will continue focusing on building water confidence and developing strokes.
- Games lessons will concentrate on key skills of throwing and catching balls and aiming
- Gymnastics lessons will focus on using small apparatus and developing balances and linking moves.

Maths

- Daily lessons including one main session and one short fluency session.
- Number and place value will be the focus to begin with as it is the core to all maths learning.
- Continue to learn about addition and subtraction including mental calculation strategies and recognising patterns.
- In all lessons the children will be learning to use mathematical language to explain their decisions and results.

English

- Sharing exciting stories by different authors to inspire our own writing.
- Writing sentences using accurate punctuation.
- Reading individually and in small groups to develop fluency.
- Revising phonics from Y1 & applying to spelling.
- Learning new spelling patterns and spelling the year 1 and year 2 key words.
- Practising correct letter formation and positioning on the line.

Welcome to Year 2!

This year I will be joined in the classroom by Mrs Wicks-Shaw and Mrs Graves who will be supporting the children throughout the week. Mrs Reed will be teaching PE on Monday afternoons (currently swimming, this will change to games later in the term) and Mrs Jeffrey will be teaching RE and PE on Thursday afternoons (currently swimming, this will change to gymnastics later in the term). Mr Mitchell continues to teach music on Tuesdays.

Reminders

The children should bring their book bag to school everyday with their reading book, reading record and spelling book.

We would prefer this to be a book bag or similar as we do not have space in our cloakroom for backpacks. We would also appreciate it if PE bags could be the draw-string type as they take up less space.

The children should bring a water bottle every day containing water – no juice please. They may also bring a healthy snack for break time if they wish. It is helpful if this is named.

We will go outside for lessons and playtimes whatever the weather so the children should have a waterproof coat.

Tapestry

I will be using Tapestry to send out messages and information about what we have been doing in class and set any additional home learning activities. Everyone has been added to the Year 2 2022-2023 class journal which is where I will be posting – usually on Friday afternoon so please do remember to check. The children's individual journals are still active so you can still post any sharing or home learning. If you have any problems accessing Tapestry please get in touch.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns either by ringing the school office or by email:

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Mrs Waring

PE Kit

PE will usually be on Mondays and Thursdays but children should have their PE bags in school everyday in case of timetable changes. The children should have;

a colour tshirt for their team, navy shorts, navy jogging bottoms, navy jumber and trainers. It is useful to have spare underwear and socks in the PE bag in case of accidents.

Children with earrings need bring in their own micropore tape to cover their earrings or they should not be worn.

Homework Activities

Reading daily is essential for building confidence and fluency. Please fill in the reading record **at least 3 times a week**. This can be the school reading book or a book from home. Reading records will be checked on Friday; if they have not been filled in the children will stay in to read at playtime.

We are following the Animphonics programme for spelling. Every **Friday** I will send home a list of words to practise that week's spelling pattern. The children will be tested on some of these words the following **Thursday**.

We will be using Teach Your Monster to Read games in class and the children will bring home their login details so they can use it at home. It is available on the website or via the app which is currently free to download for a limited period (available on apple and android).

Activities to practise maths at home could include using money, telling the time and practising quick recall of number facts. White Rose Maths have produced an excellent app to support quick recall of facts. Further details available here:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>