



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas break. We are looking forward to a busy term in Y2 class with lots of wonderful learning experiences. Please use the **school website** to find out about other information happening at school and ensure you also read the **fortnightly newsletter** to keep up-to-date with events happening in and around school!

Writing

Within our writing sessions in Year 2 we will be focusing on the skills needed for story writing this half term. We will be linking our writing theme with our Science topic and children will be writing stories based on animals in different habitats. We will then be cross curricular linking our writing with Science and writing poems about animals.

Phonics

Maths

In maths this term we will be learning and revising key skills or multiplication and division, statistics, length and height, properties of shape and fractions. Learning through our Power Maths scheme allows children to use a wide range of manipulatives and further their understanding of questioning the use of methods and resources.

Science

Our topic this half-term is on 'Habitats.' The children will be exploring different habitats and how different habitats can effect natural food chain cycles. We will also be focusing on how different habitats can protect animals and support

Religious Education

This half term, we are focusing on what it means to be a Hindu. We will be learning about the key beliefs of Hinduism and how these are applied to daily life for some Hindus. Learning will also allow children to focus on the key practices and how values and ideals influence and underpin behaviour and attitude.

DT

In this unit pupils will explore line, shape, colour and texture in natural forms. They will make observations of natural objects and use their observations as the basis for textile design. Pupils will use their experience of fabrics to make a collage and learn and use simple techniques for appliqué.

Music

Our music teacher will be in school every Friday for Year 2 music lessons. The aim for this term is to have pupils sing songs and play simple instruments.

- Sing with 2 parts (Call and Response)
- Music from the world
- Explore genre of Music - Developing the skills in Ukulele Songs: Listen (Irish music)
- Strumming Blues (Jazz)

PE

PE is every **Wednesday and Friday**. The children must come to school in their PE kit and will stay in it throughout the school day. We will be building on the skills acquired last year in Gymnastics.

PSHE

The school uses the Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE. We launched it at the beginning of the year and it helps the pupils really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world. Topics for this term include:

Achieving realistic goals	Motivation
Perseverance	Healthier choices
Learning strengths	Relaxation
Learning with others	Healthy eating and nutrition
Group co-operation	Healthier snacks and sharing food
Contributing to and sharing success	

We are also lucky enough to have Chelsea Foundation working with Year 2 every Wednesday afternoon on their '*Planet Super League*' campaign.

Home Learning

Spelling and times table folders are set every Monday and are due back Friday, the same day they are tested, these are given in hard copies and must be returned in an acceptable state. Maths home learning is every Tuesday, due in Friday. English is assigned on a Wednesday and it is to be submitted in no later than Monday morning. Google Classroom is the platform will use for home learning which all children have their own login details for.

Key Dates for your diaries

5th January Term begins

14th – 18th February Half term

w/b 7th March Assessment Week

25th March Academic Review Day

1st April Term ends

Monday 8.30-8.45 Planning Meeting with TAs 8.45-8.55 Morning briefing in staff room	Tuesday 8.30-8.55 Planning Meeting with TAs	Wednesday 8.30-8.55 Planning Meeting with TAs	Thursday 8.30-8.55 Planning Meeting with TAs	Friday 8.30-8.45 Planning Meeting with TAs 8.45-8.55 Morning briefing in staff room
8.55 – 9.05 sanitise hands/ registration	8.55 – 9.05 sanitise hands/ registration	8.55 – 9.05 sanitise hands/ registration	8.55 – 9.05 sanitise hands/ registration	8.55 – 9.05 sanitise hands/ registration
9.05- 9.25 Library Activity/RFP 9.25-10.25 English	9.05-9.25 Y2 Worship 9.25-10.25 English	9.05-9.25 Y2 Worship 9.25-10.25 English	9.05-9.25 Worship 9.25-10.25 English	9.05-9.25 Worship 9.25-10.25 English 10.25-11.05 Music
10.25 – 10.45 Break (Monday-Thursday)			11.05-11.25 Break	
10.45 – 11.50 Maths	10.45 – 11.50 Maths	10.45 – 11.50 Maths	10.45 – 11.50 Maths	11.25 – 11.50 Speed sounds
11.50 – 12.40 Lunch				
12.40 – 1.00 Maths intervention PD-Class SS- Group 1.00-1.40 WRITING 1.40 – 2.30 FS/KS1 Worship Singing Practice	12.40 – 1.00 Maths intervention PD-Group SS-Class 1.00-1.40 WRITING 1.40 – 2.50 Science	12.40 – 1.30 PSHE Planet Super League CFC/SS 1.30 – 2.10 WRITING 2.10-2.30 Maths intervention PD-Class SS-group	12.40-1.40 RE 1.40-2.00 Speed sounds 2.00-2.20 Maths intervention PD-Group SS- Class	12.40 –1.40 Maths 1.40-2.00 Maths intervention PD-Class SS-Group 2.00-2.30 WRITING
2.30-2.50 Speed sounds 2.50-3.20 Class story	2.50-3.00 Speed sounds 3.00-3.20 Class story	2.30-3.20 PE-Hall	2.20 – 3.20 Art/DT	2.30 – 3.20 PE-outside
3.20-4.00 TA Meeting	3.20-4.00 TA Meeting	3.20-4.00 TA Meeting 4.00-5.00 INSET	3.20-4.00 TA Meeting	3.20-4.00 TA Meeting