



How to Help at Home



We appreciate any additional support you can give to your child at home. It is invaluable to their progress and development. The following suggestions may be useful:

- Listen to your child read regularly (daily when possible) and sign their reading diary. Please ensure that reading books and diaries are brought into school everyday. Reading books will be changed as and when needed.
- Every Friday, children will be taught a new spelling rule and given new spellings to learn for a quiz the following Thursday. It helps if children practise these regularly throughout the week. Please ensure that these spelling books are returned on a Thursday.

Special Requests

- Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is brought into school at the beginning of the term, including suitable footwear.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school and this can be refilled throughout the course of the day.
- Could all items of clothing please be labelled, this includes PE kits.



Dates for the Diary



September

Friday 27th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

Monday 7th October

Dr Bike in school to check children's bikes

Wednesday 9th October

Autumn Disco

Tuesday 15th October

Parent Consultation

Wednesday 16th October

Parent Consultations

Half Term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th October

November

Thursday 7th November

Y2 Educational Visit to Quayside

Friday 15th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Monday 25th November

School closed—Occasional Day

Tuesday 26th November

Pantomime Visit to Theatre Royal

December

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Production (am and pm)

Friday 13th December

Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Service—St Nicholas' Church
(staff and children only)

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

Grand Prize Raffle Draw

Friday 20th December

End of Term



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bainbridge, Miss Jobey, Mrs Gaulton or Mrs Harm.

Curriculum Overview



Year 2



Autumn Term



Welcome



A very warm welcome to Year 2. We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This Curriculum Overview will provide you with key information about our curriculum this term as well some upcoming events.



English Overview



Creative Writing

Children will develop their writing skills through a variety of genres including, stories, poems, letter writing and instructions. They will also be encouraged to check that their writing makes sense and make any improvements where necessary. Handwriting will be practised each morning to ensure that letters are formed correctly and to develop their joined handwriting.

SPaG

Our focus this term is to use punctuation independently, including capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. Children will also be encouraged to use a range of conjunctions, such as 'but' 'and' 'because,' to join two simple sentences. Children will be taught a new spelling rule each week which will be applied to their creative writing.

Reading

Our focus this term is to develop fluency and speed, especially when reading longer words. Our comprehension focus will be learning how to explain how characters are feeling based on what they say and do. We will also be predicting what might happen next in a story. Over the term we will be learning how to answer questions from a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Phonics

As in Year 1, we will continue to follow our highly successful Read Write Inc programme.



Maths Overview



In Maths this term, children will be learning about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. They will learn how to compare and order 2-digit numbers and place these on a number line. We will be developing calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. This will include adding three single digit numbers, progressing to adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. They will learn how to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Later in the term they will be learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will apply these to solve problems. As well as this, children will be learning how to make amounts of money using different combinations of coins. We will also learn how to add and subtract amounts of money. In our lessons we follow a mastery approach; this involves children developing their mathematical fluency, using practical resources to support them, as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills.



Science Overview



In our Science lessons, children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will develop their observation skills to explain the changes that happen. They will also learn what the basic needs of survival are. Children will learn about the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food and they will learn how to classify food into different groups. Later in the term, they will learn about the properties of different materials and how this makes them suitable for different purposes.



Our Curriculum



RE: In Year 2 our focus is the religion Judaism. Children will learn about different aspects of Judaism, including where Jewish people go to worship and the importance of different objects to Jewish people. In addition to this, they will develop their understanding of different Jewish festivals throughout the year.

History /Geography: In our History lessons, children will develop a range of skills. This will include using a range of sources to answer questions about the past and identifying differences between ways of life at different times. These skills will be developed through the context of The Great Fire of London and The Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. After half-term, we will develop our geographical skills, including map reading skills by looking closely at our local environment.

Art / Music / DT: In Art, we will be learning how to draw self-portraits using a variety of tools such as pencils and pastels. Children will record their artwork in sketchbooks. In our Music lessons, children will explore different elements including pitch and they will add vocal sounds and body percussion to songs. They will also be learning songs for our Christmas Production. In our DT lessons, children will go through the process of designing, making and evaluating their work.

Computing: During the first half-term, we will focus on e- safety where children will learn how to stay safe when on line. They will learn about the importance of keeping personal information safe. They will also develop computer programming skills using 'Scratch'.

PE: Our lessons will take place every Wednesday (both classes) and Thursday (2B) and Friday (2J). Children will develop their football skills in a fun and exciting way with our 'Little Kickers' coach. We will also be learning how to combine a range of movements to produce a dance sequence based on The Great Fire of London.



Creative Homework



Our Creative Homework gives children greater ownership over their learning at home and encourages creativity and independence. We actively encourage parents/carers to support their child with these homework tasks and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the work returned to school. We expect that children will earn a minimum of 15 points every half-term. There will continue to be three progress checks over a half-term.



Out and About



To extend the teaching and learning in school, we endeavour to provide the children with educational visits which are both memorable and stimulating. This term we will be visiting Gateshead and Newcastle Quayside to experience what it was like at the time of the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. We will also be inviting someone from the local fire station to talk about fire safety.