

Welcome to Year 2

Your teacher: Mr Diomedous

Supporting the class: Mrs Coletta, Miss Jones, Mrs Picton, Miss Bekteshi

Literacy

Writing:

In the Autumn term, Year 2 will continue to establish the foundations of writing, focusing on sentence construction and the composition of narratives. As well as becoming great storytellers, they will write for a variety of purposes such as non-fiction factual reports. We will be basing each half term on a different book and they have begun with the Story of the Baba Yaga, and they aim to retell the entire story in their own words by half term.

They will gradually be introduced to new grammar and punctuation features and learn to apply them correctly in their writing. They will be taught to use a variety of punctuation focusing on accurate use of capital letters and full stops, and will be encouraged to use adventurous vocabulary. They will begin to use a range of sentence openers and connectives to make their writing flow. We will also be introducing the children to cursive handwriting, and there will be a weekly spelling quiz.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child each day at home. Your child will receive a decodable phonics book each week, and they will also be able to choose a book from our class reading corner. Please sign the reading record each time you read with your child. Aim to read each decodable phonics book four times. They will be given a new book each week. It's important that they bring their reading record and book to school each day.

Phonics: Year 2 will use their understanding of phonics both in their reading and spelling.

Story Time: We place considerable importance on having a 'story-time' each week, as this gives them the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of stories from around the world.

Maths

This term we will be covering:

Place Value, Number Order, Number Lines and Whole part-models

Addition and Subtraction

Geometry – Shape

We will be following a mastery scheme that encourages a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts taught by following a **CPA** (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract) method. The children will use tangibles such as, bead strings, dienes, blocks, cube and numicon, to give them a solid basis to approach more abstract problems. This approach will include engaging practical activities, games and quizzes.

We will also have Mini-Maths sessions each week to consolidate

Science

This term we will be exploring the topic of 'Animals including Humans and their Habitats'. The class will investigate how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. They will create diagrams of a simple food chains and identify and name different sources of food.

They will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how it provides for their needs. They will also become aware of how humans can cause ecological harm. They will also spend time discovering through experimentation.

This year we are fortunate to have an Italian teacher who will reinforce their learning of scientific key words with Italian.

Wider Curriculum

This term's topic is 'Movers and Shakers', they will be looking at important people in History who have changed the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about these fascinating people and use historical models to explore their significance. They will broaden their view of the world both historically and geographically. As part of a mini geography based topic they will learn about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They also compare England to Somalia. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.

RE

We are following the excellent LDBS Religious Education Syllabus and during this term year 2 will be focusing on key ideas in Christianity, we have begun to look in-depth at the Lord's prayer. Our 'Big Question' is 'Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as a way to pray?'

PE

Year 2 will continue to have a weekly swimming lesson, and this year it will be on Thursday. On Friday they have PE. We are following the Complete PE Syllabus, this term they will be focusing on jumping techniques and how to apply this in games.

ICT

The children will be learning to use the Internet safely and effectively. They are shown how to search the Internet using "safe-search kids" and how to navigate a search engine using keywords. They will be using computers to produce digital art based on the work of famous artists.

PSHE

PSHE will involve class assemblies, circle time group activities and individual contemplation. The first topic is, Healthy People which includes subjects such as healthy diet, oral health, physical activity. The other topics we cover this year are 'All About My Feelings' and 'Money'

Important Dates

September 13 Booknic

September 23rd Freshwater Theatre

October 1st – Guest speaker scientist (online.)

October 25th – Little Angel Theatre visit.

Infant Music Festival – November dates to be confirmed.