



Dear Parent/Carers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2. The children have all come back with fantastic attitudes, creating a positive start to the year. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with all of the up to date information that you will need for the Autumn term, including an outline of our curriculum. Our topic this term is '**Around the world in 80 days!**' which is our geography focus. You will also receive a knowledge organiser that lets you know the skills the children will be learning through this topic. Next week your child will be given a reading diary and reading book. Inside the reading diary, children will have their login details for Active learn and TT rock stars and we will send a letter out to accompany this.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in the year ahead.

Thank you

Year 2 team.

COMMUNICATIONS

If you need to speak to the class teacher please can we ask that you do this at the end of the day. If it is something that will require a longer discussion please can we ask that parents make an appointment time to meet with a staff member after school from the school's office.

Seesaw

We are hoping to have seesaw up and running shortly. Your child will receive a new login for this.

READING AT HOME

Each child will be provided with an individual reading book. We encourage children to read everyday, even if its just a little each night. Please can you leave a short comment in your child's reading diary to say if they have completed reading and which page they have read to. Children also have access to Active Learn phonics bug. Their login details are stuck in their diary. You can access this on computers, tablets and smart phones. Your child will have a reading book in school and read with the teacher or another adult regularly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that school uniform is named including coats, hats and scarfs as the weather gets colder. If you send your child to school in wellies please ensure they have school shoes to change into.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles must contain water only for the classroom. Children may have an additional drink of juice in their packed lunch box. Please ensure your child's water bottle is also named.

P.E DAYS

P.E Days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in school. This will then be sent home at the end of each half term. If your child has earrings please can these be removed or a plaster placed over them for PE days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents evenings -Tuesday 19th October/Wednesday 20th October

Last day of term - Friday 22nd October.

Year 2
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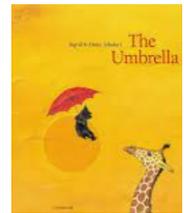
Around the World in 80 Days!

This term in Year 2 the children will be taking part in our geography focused topic. We will be exploring oceans and continents, looking at physical features and looking at differences in the climate. We will also look at other countries and compare them to our own. In D.T we will be creating puppets based on traditional dress cultures of other countries.

English



Our first English is Meerkat mail where we will start introducing talking for reading, looking at vocabulary and comprehension skills. Our following text will be the story 'The Umbrella' following a little dog on his journey around the world. In spelling, we will focus on the Year 2 common exception words and we will recap phase 5 phonics before moving onto phase 6. In handwriting the children will be encouraged to join their letters whilst maintaining the correct letter formation.



Maths

Children will start the term developing their understanding of place value. Children will need to be able to say what a value of a digit is and understand that 0 can be a place holder. We will then be working on fluency and reasoning skills in addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

Science

This term our science topic is 'Healthy Me'. The children will explore the importance of exercise and a healthy diet, keeping good hygiene and looking at what we need to survive.



Foundation Subjects

Computing — We will be looking at how to keep safe online and basic computer skills.

PSHE — The children will be exploring feelings and talking about relationships.

P.E. — Our focus this term in gymnastics and we will be looking at using different parts of our bodies.

Music— 'On the Island—British Songs and sounds' and 'Musical Me'.