



## Autumn 2023

## Welcome to Year 2's Newsletter

### Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break. Our learning is well underway, and we are excited about our topics for autumn term.

The Year 2 team are:

Mrs Norwood: Early Years and Key Stage 1 Phase Leader – Class Teacher

Mrs Turner: Class Teacher

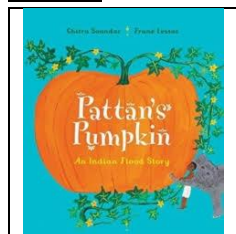
Mrs Richards: Class Teacher/Support

Miss Patel: Teaching Assistant

### Important dates

Week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October parents' evening.

### English



A traditional flood myth from Southern India. Children will be exploring the features of a narrative and writing their own. They will also explore non-fiction writing.

### Reading

Your child will be taking part in daily guided reading sessions. In these lessons your child will be reading with an adult regularly to strengthen their reading, comprehension and vocabulary skills.

### Science

What is in your habitat?

The unit will focus upon different habitats and food chains for a selection of habitats. It will identify how living things are suited to their habitat.

### Geography

How does the weather affect where you live?

This unit will explore the basic atmospheric elements of the weather. We will explore how artists depict the weather and the techniques they used. We will compare environments and begin to explain their similarities and differences.

### Computing

The unit will focus on online safety – to refine searches and understand how to talk to others when they are not in front of us.

### Art

Animal Art: creating artwork to reflect British wildlife, before exploring African animal art and Aboriginal dot art.



### RE

Our focus will be exploring how and why do we celebrate special times. For example, wedding, birthday, Eid, Diwali and Christmas.

### Mathematics

Children will be consolidating their knowledge of number and master counting and recognising numbers up to 100. They will then be focussing on addition and subtraction. Finally, before the end of term they will be learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



### Important days of the week

**Friday – homework book and reading book are sent home.**

**Wednesday – children to return homework book and reading book ready to be changed for the Friday.**

**PE day – Friday**

**Please send your child to school dressed ready for PE:**

Plain white t-shirt  
Plain black shorts/joggers  
Plain black hoodie/sweatshirt  
Trainers

### Polite reminders:

Please ensure that your child's clothing, water bottle and lunch bag are clearly labelled with their full name as these get mixed up regularly.

We provide toast every morning as the children enter school and fruit is provided every day during snack time. All children in Year 2 are entitled to a school dinner.

### **Phonics**

Your child will take part in daily phonics lessons to help strengthen their skills as a reader. Your child's home reading book will also link to the sounds and words they have been learning in school.

### **PE**

The gymnastics unit will explore create basic shapes with the body to be able to link and mirror low-level shapes.

### **PSHE**

**Being Me in My World** – we will be exploring who am I and how do I fit in?

**Celebrating Difference** – respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

### **Class Dojo**

Your child's class teacher will use this to communicate messages and you may also do the same. If you have a problem with logging in, then please inform the Year 2 team who will be happy to help.

We hope your child has settled well into school. If you have any questions, then please contact any of the Year 2 team.

### **House System**

New event – all children in school have been allocated a house team:

Mars (Red)

Neptune (Blue)

Saturn (Yellow)

Jupiter (Green)

Throughout each week, and over the year, children will be earning points for their team, these will be the same as collecting Dojo points.

- Being a great team player
- Achieving the best they can
- Challenging themselves
- Understanding leadership qualities
- Knowing how to be responsible
- Gaining confidence in what they do
- Developing good communication skills
- Learning to be flexible and resilient

At the end of the year, the winning team will be rewarded with an off-curriculum day full of fun activities and experiences.

More information about charity events and competitions will be sent out closer to the time.