



# Year 2 Newsletter



## Autumn 1—2023/2024

### Notices and reminders

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and to see them start the year in such a positive way.

Our PE day for this half-term is **Thursday**.

If you do have any questions or concerns, however small, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or email the office to arrange a meeting.

### Key dates

#### Autumn 1

Thursday 5th October 2023—school census day (Fun Fair lunch menu)

Monday 9th October 2023—harvest assembly

Tuesday 17th October 2023—parents' evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Thursday 19th October 2023—parents' evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Friday 20th October 2023—end of half term

#### Autumn 2

Monday 30th October 2023—start of half term

Monday 30th October 2023—individual photographs (Ladybirds, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Wednesday 1st November 2023—individual photographs (Butterflies)

Tuesday 14th November 2023—flu immunisations (unless opted out)

Thursday 7th December 2023—Little Red Riding Hood pantomime

Friday 15th December 2023—end of term (1:10pm collection)

### Reading

This term we will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

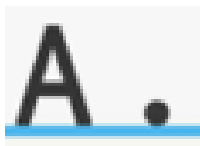
We will be focussing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.

Our class read will be 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.



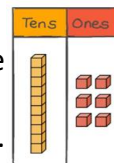
### Writing

In writing this term, we will be learning how to retell and write our own versions of the story 'Sidney Stella and the Moon'. We will also write a non-fiction piece of text titled 'Dragons'. The children will practise when to use capital letters and full stops and apply this to their writing.



### Maths

Year 2 will recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers (tens/ones). We will count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward and will start to identify and estimate where numbers are placed on a number line. We will also read and write numbers to 100 in numerals/words, and compare them using the  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  signs. We will then start on the addition and subtraction unit which will continue into the following term.



## Science

In science this half term, our topic is animals, including humans. We will focus on the life cycles of animals and humans. We will find out about the basic needs of animals and humans, and we will describe the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and have personal hygiene.



## History

This term we will think like historians, discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. We will be learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, inventors and their inventions, and what life was like for children during this time in history.



## Art

Our art unit this term is about drawing in the style of Pablo Picasso. We will learn to draw using pencil and develop lots of different skills including shading and hatching. The children will learn about the artwork of Pablo Picasso and Cubism before creating their own portraits inspired by what they have learned.



## PE

This term in year 2, our focus in PE is on invasion games, working specifically on developing our football skills. We will explore dribbling, turning in different directions as well as learning how to lose an opponent and create space to score a goal!



## RE

This half term in RE, we will be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be learning about the Nativity. We will look at the similarities and differences of Matthew and Luke's account of The Nativity and what the key differences are. We will also look at who Mary and Joseph were, who visited the manger and why Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Egypt.



## PSHE

PSHE will focus on children recognising that they all have similarities and differences. We will explore their interests, inside and outside of school, touch on mental health and then explore physical differences (for example, height and hair colour), before finishing the term on their different personality traits.



## Homework

Thank you for all of your support with helping your child to read at home. Please make sure that they read their decodable book at least four times a week. The decodable book and sharing book need to be brought back into school every Friday.



## Suggested books for reading

