

Welcome to Year 2!

Welcome back Year 2! I hope you've all had a lovely and relaxing break. It's our final half-term in Year 2 and it has been a pleasure teaching you all this year. Well done for all your hard work and effort! I hope you find the information below helpful. Please feel free to contact the Year 2 team before or after school if you have any concerns or questions.

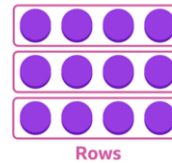
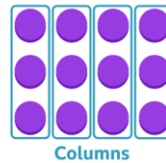
Miss Clayton 😊

English

This half-term, we will be focusing on the story of *Aladdin* and a selection of other folktales. This will prompt our reading and writing for this half-term and we will work towards various writing outcomes, including a narrative chapter, poem, letter, diary entry and setting description.

**Maths**

We will begin this half term looking at strategies to help us with mental addition and subtraction. Then, we will revisit multiplication arrays and how division can be understood as sharing and grouping (with and without remainders). Finally, Year 2 will apply their knowledge from this year to solve real-world problems involving statistics and measurements.

**Science**

We will continue to revisit topics previously learnt this year, such as what plants and animals need to survive and grow.

**Guided Reading/Spelling/Phonics**

The children will have Guided Reading for 30 minutes every day. They will work within an adult-led/supported group for two of the sessions. We will spend time reading a range of different books and texts, exploring vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. The children will also have a 30-minute session every morning focusing on spellings and phonics.

Geography

We will begin our Geography unit learning all about the seaside. We will then compare how farms and coasts are different.

**Computing**

We will be learning how to design and program a robot helper using ScratchJr.

**Art**

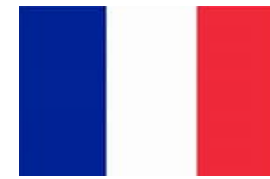
We will be creating artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and using outdoor materials.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on 'The Great Outdoors'.

**French**

We will continue to learn how to talk about the weather and seasons in French.



RE

This half-term's focus is Hinduism. We will be asking:

How do we respond to the things that really matter? How might people express their devotion?

PSHE

Year 2 will be discussing how we can support each other and deal with big changes. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school.

Music

Mr Baines will be teaching us music on Tuesday mornings and we will be focusing on sound effects this half-term.

Reminders

- **Toys** – Please can toys, playing cards, makeup and similar items stay at home. Many of these items are becoming lost, broken, are taken home by another child or are distracting children's learning, thank you.
- **Show and Tell** – At the end of most days, we usually have some time for children to do show and tell. This time is to celebrate any achievements from home, photographs/videos from experiences (e.g. a new pet, holidays, a day trip etc.) or something that children have worked really hard on, such as a painting/drawing or a cardboard creation. If children have certificates, medals or other achievements that they would like to celebrate in star assembly, please bring these in on a Friday.
- **Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!).
- **PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday mornings and the children should come to school in their PE kit.
- **Class Novel** – We will start reading *Aladdin* this half-term. Every day the children will have the next part of the stories read to them and discuss interesting vocabulary from the chapter. Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in the story that day. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Please use the Reading Records for you to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. Your child will be heard by a member of staff in Year 2 at least twice a week. Please bring your reading packs into school each day.



Homework

A homework menu will be sent home every half term with instructions for the tasks and how to hand homework in. All logins are stuck into the children's reading records.

