

# YEAR 2 AUTUMN 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after our long summer break! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as we all are. I am delighted to be working with your children this year and am looking forward to getting to know them and helping them to learn and grow.

Year 2 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs Quinn who is our brilliant teaching assistant. The children will also be supported by Mrs Middleton on a Thursday afternoon.

In English this half term, we will be studying the story 'Beegu'. Through this text, we will be working towards writing character descriptions, a lost poster and a persuasive letter. The children will be encouraged to begin to write and spell more independently using their phonics as well as using a wider range of exciting vocabulary. Throughout the half term we will focus on different aspects of grammar and punctuation recapping full stops, capital letters, question marks and sentence structure as well as learning about using different joining words for example and, but, because. We will also be linking our English learning with our geography learning as we will be completing some descriptive writing based on our topic of continents and oceans.

We will continue to place a big focus on our daily phonics lessons to help support the children with their reading and spellings. We will be moving onto level 6 phonics sounds as well as beginning to learn the Year Two common exception words. I will send a copy of these out in the first week.

Each week our focus will be to implement our phonics into helping us spell accurately when writing, the weekly spelling test will align with our weekly phonics. Please continue to practice your child's weekly spellings and read with them for at least 10 minutes every night as this really supports their confidence and learning in school.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value and number operations including addition and subtraction. In place value, we will be counting, reading, writing and comparing numbers to at least 100 and recognising the value of each digit in a two-digit number. We will be learning to add and subtract two-digit numbers and apply what we have learnt to problem solving.

We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. A really useful mental maths game which the children can access on the internet is called Hit the Button and this enables them to practice quick recall of number facts. I will begin to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise these concepts with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Miss Roberts

### Important Days

#### **Monday**

- Reading books to be changed.  
Please bring reading folder.

#### **Tuesday**

-Spelling test.

#### **Tuesday and Wednesday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

### Important Dates

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Science Dome

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Open the Book

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Individual photographs

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Family Mass in church  
@11am

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 2 curriculum parent  
meeting via Zoom @4pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
Macmillan Coffee Morning  
@2:30pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 2 trip

**WB Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Whole school 'Ready Steady  
Read' sponsored read

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
Rosary Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest festival @ 2.30pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents Evening  
@ 4:00 – 6:30pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
School closes

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
Training Day

