

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

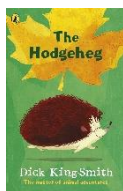
Welcome back to school and to Year 2! I am really excited to be teaching you this year, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all! I hope you had a fantastic summer and you are ready for the year ahead! We have lots of fantastic things planned, all of which will be detailed in a class newsletter at the beginning of every term.

Forest schools

Year 2 will take part in forest schools every Friday of Autumn 1 (the October half term.) Please ensure your child has the correct clothes in school.

Our class novel is:

Our class novel for autumn 1 is *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith. A firm favourite of mine 😊.

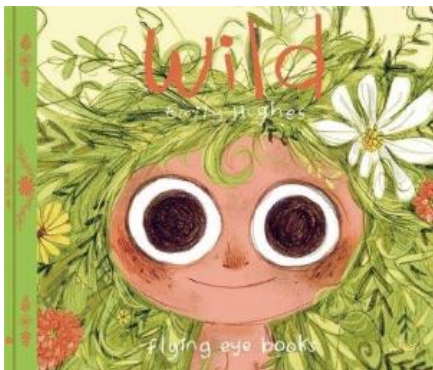


How to help at home:

Daily reading- ask your child questions about the book.
Phonics & spellings
Times tables - x2, x5 and x10

English

To begin the autumn term, we will focus our English lessons on 'Wild', by Emily Hughes. This fantastic book will inspire many pieces of writing, including a poem, a fact file and a retelling of the story in our own words.



We will also have grammar and punctuation lessons, to help prepare for our SATS. During the autumn term, our lessons will see us recapping the importance of capital letters and full stops, practicing using coordinating conjunctions and writing noun phrases for description.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on number and place value, which will include reading and writing numerals to 100, recognising the place value of each digit and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, then 100. We will also cover addition and subtraction, including recalling facts, adding and subtracting mentally and problem solving. Other areas we will cover this half term include length and mass, and 2D & 3D shape.

Multiplication Monday

Children will take part in Multiplication Monday to secure their times table knowledge, so finding opportunities at home to work on this will really benefit their learning.



History

Our history unit for Autumn 1 is Changes within living memory. This is all about space, with a particular focus on Neil Armstrong. We will find out who he is and why he is famous, more information about other important astronauts and dive deeper into the space race between the USA and Russia.

*Our enquiry question for the unit is:
Why was Neil Armstrong brave?*

P.E

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be covering games, which includes throwing and catching and tennis. Why not start working on your skills now!

General Notices

PE kits: indoor kit is blue shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps and trainers. Children will need an outdoor kit (a blue or black tracksuit) too. **P.E kits need to be in school every day.** Please ensure your child's kit is clearly labelled.

Homework: will continue with the grid format, with a range of tasks to complete.

Reading books: we do not have a set day for changing books, they will be changed by your child when they have finished it. Please ensure you sign in your child's reading record to confirm that the book is finished.

As always, if you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Year 2 Team

Mrs Shepherd & Miss Scrivens

Science

Science will be taught through forest schools this half term. Our first topic will provide children will the opportunity to study living things and their habitats. They will learn to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, studying how they are suited to living in their environments.

R.E & PSHE

For the first half term, the children will be thinking about the Bible in R.E with Mrs Taylor. In PSHE, we will learn about the British Value of Democracy, whilst also thinking about turn taking and the importance of taking part.