

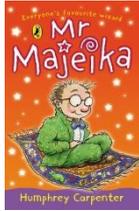
# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

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.

## Our class novel is:

Our class novel for autumn 1 is Mr Majeika, by Humphrey Carpenter. A firm favourite of mine 😊.

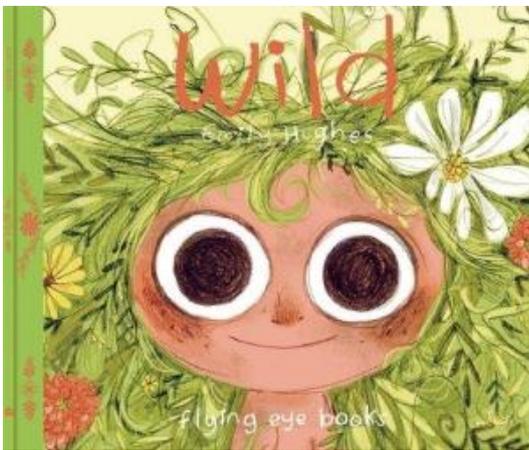


## How to help at home:

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.

## Topic - Geography

Our topic this half term is What a Wonderful World! During this unit, we will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and our own locality in Chorley. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world. We will continue to build on the map skills developed in Year 1 using atlases, world maps and globes more widely, along with using aerial photographs to recognise human and physical features including landmarks.

## P.E

Our P.E topic for the Autumn 1 term is striking and fielding. We will have P.E on Mondays and Wednesdays.

## Science

Our first Science 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.

In addition, we will also learn about mixing colours in art, learn how to stay safe on the internet in computing and begin to learn the recorder (me included!) in music.

## General Notices

**PE kits:** blue shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps and trainers. Children will need an outdoor kit (a blue or black tracksuit). **P.E kits need to be in school every day.** Kits must be clearly labelled.

**Homework:** will continue with the grid format, with a range of tasks to complete. All homework must be handed in by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Reading books:** will be changed as and when. 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*

**Miss Jones & Mrs Marrow**

