



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

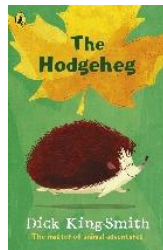


Autumn Term 2023

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 *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith. A firm favourite of mine 😊.

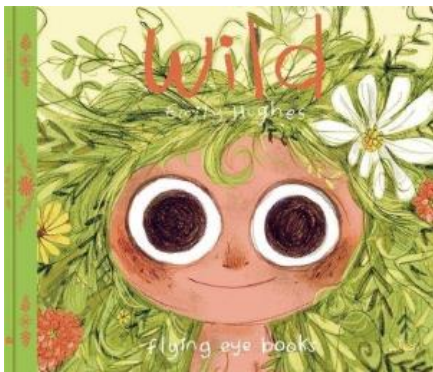


How to help at home:

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.



In addition to daily reading and activities such as library time, we will have weekly whole class reading lessons. These lessons are built around high-quality and challenging texts, which we dissect as a class through high-level questioning and discussion.

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 'how was school different in the past?' This brand new unit is all about exploring what school was like 100 years ago, making comparisons and identifying some similarities and differences.

R.E & PSHE

For the first half term, the children will be thinking about the Bible in R.E. In PSHE, we will learn about ourselves and our relationships with others. We will also have our yearly KidSafe lessons with Mrs Taylor.

P.E

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. We will be covering invasion games, which includes throwing and catching and athletics. Why not start working on your skills now!

Music

This term, we are very lucky to have Miss Rosborough in from Lancashire Music Service. She will continue to teach Samba on a Friday.

Science

Science will be taught on Thursdays by Mrs Taylor. 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.

Other Enrichment Activities

We have lots of exciting things planned this term, including our Challenge Yourself Week in September, the Life Education Bus, our trip to the Pantomime and of course, our Nativity!

General Notices

Year 2 Team: Mrs Shepherd- class teacher, Miss Concepcion- class TA, Mrs Taylor- class teacher on Thursdays & Miss Bridge - PPA cover.

PE kits: indoor kit is blue shorts, white t-shirt 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. This can be handed in each week on a Monday, and will be returned by Wednesday.

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!