

This is what we're doing this term!

English	Reading Fiction stories such as Flat Stanley, Lighthouse Keeper stories, Hello Lighthouse, Non-Fiction— information texts, non-chronological reports. Practising handwriting joins, reading and spelling high frequency words and words from the Year 2 spelling list. Reading—Comprehension questions and activities linked to fiction and non-fiction texts. Daily Read Write Inc lessons—Reading texts for accuracy and fluency, answering comprehension questions, developing sight vocabulary. Writing sentences containing adjectives, adverbs and verbs. Learning how to use conjunctions such as because, that, if, so, but in their sentences. Using punctuation correctly e.g. capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas in a list, speech marks etc.
Mathematics	Number— counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's., continuing learning our 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. Addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers, calculating missing numbers in addition and subtraction calculations. Problem solving with money, measurements, length etc. Data handling—Collecting and grouping data, making graphs and charts. Time—Reading the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Developing reasoning skills in the areas of the curriculum being taught.
Science	We will be learning about plants. We will be looking at the needs of plants and investigating the conditions that plants need to grow in. We will also be looking at the life cycles of certain plants such as sunflowers.
Computing	To learn how to use a search engine to find information on a specific subject. We will be learning how to make videos on the iPads and using sound as well.
History	We will be looking at a significant local individual and their life—Grace Darling. We will be looking at Grace Darling's rescue and the impact of this on our lives today.
Geography	We will be comparing Bamburgh in Northumberland to Lizard Island in Australia.
Music	During our In Harmony lessons, we will be learning how to use our bows to make notes and also some new notes on our instruments and learning how to read different notes in a piece of music.
P.E.	Learning to develop our basic skills such as throwing, catching, different kinds of jumps, balances etc.
R.E.	To learn about Judaism beliefs and practices. To learn about ideas about God in Christianity and Judaism.
PSHE	To learn about the jobs that different people do and to learn about money, where money comes from and the different choices people can make about their money. We will also learn about how we recognise our feelings and the feelings of others.
Art D.T.	To create drawings and sketches using different shading techniques. We will be designing and making a t-shirt using a simple running stitch.



Year 2 Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 2.

We have put together this information booklet to let you know what we are learning about this term and to remind you of a few ways in which you can help your child at home.

During this term, you can help by listening to your child read every night and asking them questions about what they have read. Also please make sure your child is in school every day and that they arrive on time.

Please also continue to help them to learn their 2,3,5 and 10 times tables so they can achieve their bronze times tables badge this term. They must be able to give the answer to a question from these tables very quickly and not be counting using their fingers.

We thank you for your continued support with homework and spellings and hope this will continue this term.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Dawson and Mr Moralee

SOME REMINDERS

Start of the day - Both Year 2 classes start at **8.50am**. Children who miss even a few minutes of the school day can miss out on vital aspects of the curriculum as we start learning straight away. We have a significant number of children who are persistently late so please make every effort to arrive on time.

End of the day - School finishes at **3.00pm** (Tues-Fri) and 3:30 only on Mondays due to In Harmony. Please be prompt in collecting your child as Year 3 leave from the same doors at 3:10pm and Year 2 should have already have left the school premises by then.

Penguins class leave through the hall on a Monday. Penguins leave through the link corridor all other days.

Seals class leave through the gym every day. Please remember to let a member of staff or the school office know if someone different is coming to collect your child as if we do not know them, we will be unable to let your child leave with them. In this situation, we will contact you via telephone to gain your permission before allowing your child to leave the premises. Please do not be offended if this happens as we have to ensure all children are safely handed over to the appropriate adults at the end of the day. Children in year 2 must be collected by someone over 16.

We will send text messages and Class Dojo messages to let you know when In Harmony is not on so please look out for them.

Uniforms and Coats - All children must wear school uniform at all times. A polite reminder that the uniform for Year 2 is a blue jumper/cardigan, a yellow polo shirt and black/grey trousers/skirt. Please make sure all uniform and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Shoes—Please make sure your child is wearing sensible school shoes (i.e. NO heeled boots or shoes) and if they have laces, please teach them how to tie them themselves or alternatively make sure they wear Velcro shoes if they can't tie laces. This will help us greatly—Thank you.

Reading - Reading folders will be sent home every day and we ask that each child reads every night at home some/all of their book. Please make sure that your child's book folder is in school each day to allow members of staff to hear your child read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and therefore we encourage you to spend time reading with your child and ask you to sign their reading record (yellow book) every time you do this.

If your child is reading Read Write Inc books, they will be changed after they have been read 3 times either at home or in school. This is to help your child gain fluency when reading. If your child has moved onto book banded books (Coloured sticker on spine of book) then these will be changed after they have been read once.

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PE— Penguins have P.E. on a **Tuesday** every week.
Seals have P.E. on a **Tuesday** every week.

Please remember to send your child into school with their trainers in a bag for the lesson.

Jewellery— A reminder that the only earrings that are allowed to be worn in school are small stud earrings and these **MUST NOT** be worn on P.E. days. Please make sure they are taken out on the day your child has P.E. NO other jewellery should be worn.

Homework - Homework and spellings will be given on a Friday for both classes via Class Dojo. Spellings are posted on Class Dojo portfolios with instructions of the date of the spelling test.

Class Dojo—We use Class Dojo to send messages to all parents on our class story section. We are also posting homework instructions and spellings on there every week too. Please make sure you are regularly checking Class Dojo so you don't miss out on important information.

Please be aware that we only check Class Dojo during our working hours and messages sent outside of these hours will not be read or responded to. Also, if your message is urgent during the day, please contact the school office. When we are teaching we will not pick up your message,

Contact details—Please make sure we have up to date contact details at the office for your child e.g. the correct phone number for parents, up to date address etc. This is especially important in case your child is unwell or has an accident and we need to urgently contact you. We also use text messages to let you know important dates etc.

SATs— SATs will go ahead during week beginning 15th May. We will try our best to keep the whole week as calm and stress free as possible and we encourage you to do the same. Please make sure your child arrives on time and is in school every day. A good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast always helps too.

Toys—Please don't allow your child to bring in toys from home as this can cause disagreements. We have plenty of new toys and play areas to keep all of the children entertained at play time.