

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you back to Year 2! We hope you had wonderful and enjoyable summer break!

Below are the topics that we will be studying in our first term together. Please talk with your child about what they will be learning. Perhaps you could visit the library or use the Internet together to do any extra research. Feel free to bring any findings or creations into school to share with us!

Subject	Term 1
Literacy	<p>This term we will be focusing on Fairytales and traditional tales. This will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retelling stories Describing characters & settings Creating characters & settings Letter writing Sequencing stories <p>Guided reading, spelling and handwriting will take place daily.</p>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number knowledge Place value Counting on and back in 2, 5, 10 Ordering and comparing Odd and even Number bonds to 20 Doubles and halves Reasoning 4 operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
Science – Fairytale Investigations	We explore different experiments based on traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three bears, the princess and the pea and the Gingerbread man.
ICT – We are astronauts	This unit will involve the children programming an object to move around the screen. They will learn about algorithms and cover e-safety in each lesson.
Topic - Fairytales	In this topic all lessons will link to the stories we are reading in English. We will look at mermaid myths and create fact files on countries where the stories originate.
Art/DT	Art and DT will again link to the stories we read in English. We will be using a variety of materials including fabric, paper, card, paint and clay to create different scenes and art work.
R.E. - Christianity	During this unit we will be looking at special places for Christians and ourselves. We will find out more about Harvest and how it is celebrated.
P.S.H.E. – It's our world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devising a class charter Getting to know each other Communities we belong to Saving energy Recycling Pollution
P.E	This unit of PE will include Floor movement patterns and balance.
Music	Weekly music lessons with Mrs Clifton

Future dates for your diary

8th & 9th November – Parents evening

PE

The kit should include a change of t-shirt and shorts and plimsolls. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

PE Days

Children will need a PE kit in school every day so that if the weather is nice we can go out on another day. Below are our specific times

Coral Class – Thursday

Crystal Class – Monday

Swimming – Tuesday

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. We would also like to remind you that both earrings and necklaces are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

Homework

The children should try to read on a daily basis for a short amount of time. Please sign in their reading record book when they have read. This can include any reading books from home as well as school books. School reading books will be changed when it is finished. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and brings their book bag daily. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday.

The children have additional reading activities set to complete at home on Bug Club (www.bugclub.co.uk). They can also use Mathletics for additional maths activities (<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>). Log in details will be stuck into your child's home school contact book as soon as we have them.

The children are already settling well into their new routines and we are looking forward to lots of fun activities and learning in Year 2!

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to use the contact book or we can make an appointment for you to come in and see us.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Kierans and Miss Bannister