



Grange Farm Primary School

Autumn in Year 2

Welcome back to Year 2. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready for the fun and challenges of the new school year! It is going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures. We can't wait to see what the year has in store for us!

Year 2 is a big leap for your child and the expectations increase dramatically from what they are used to. Children are expected to have a greater level of independence and to organise themselves to remember necessary items. Children will be supported in school as they learn these skills and we thank you for your support in fostering this independence in your child.

English

Our first English topic is Fairy Tales. The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of different tales and their features, before writing their own. We will also have daily spelling and weekly SPaG sessions focussing on the more 'technical' aspects of English, such as grammar, punctuation and spelling. Handwriting continues to be a primary focus as children consolidate the correct way to form their letters before moving towards joining up their writing more consistently. After half term, we will look at instructions, poetry and Christmas texts.

Reading

Children will read in a group with an adult twice a week focussing on their comprehension skills. Please read regularly at home with your child, questioning them continuously. In year 2, it is important that children have a deep understanding of what they are reading and vocabulary used. **Library books must be returned every Friday.**

Spelling

Home spellings will comprise of 4 whole class words taken from the Year 2 Common Exception words and spelling rules, and 2 individual spellings from their personal spelling error list. Weekly spellings are sent home as home learning and their completed sheet will need to be brought back in every Friday.

Homework

Spellings will be given out every **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. It is important your child can spell these words in its correct context and in a sentence. Please check that your child has spelt the word correctly in their sentences. Neat presentation of this work is vital. We can't emphasise enough the importance of reading with your child regularly at home. Please sign in your child's reading diary every time you read with them. Reading comprehension home learning must be returned every **Friday**.

This term's creative curriculum...

This half term's cross curricular topic is called '**Tunnels, Towers and Turrets**'. This project has a design technology focus and will enable the children to plan, build and evaluate structures. The children will explore the features and designs of various castles around the world and we will carry out research about life in a castle. We plan to visit Warwick Castle to further enrich our learning. Our second topic is '**Beat, Band, Boogie**.' This will have a music focus and will provide opportunities to explore rhythm, pulse, pitch and percussion instruments.

Other Curriculum Areas

In history, we will be looking at significant Monarchs throughout history and learn all about our royal family. In R.E we will read stories from different faiths that show kindness and learn about special religious festivals and practices that show how they care for other people. In Autumn 2 we will learn about what light and darkness represent and symbolise in each religion. In Art, we will create our own interpretation of Paul Klee's castle and sun. We will also interpret different pieces of music through art. Our Geography topic will take us China where we will look at the similarities and differences between England and China. This term computing will build on and develop children's basic computer skills including: typing, creating,

PE Days

Autumn 1: Tuesday pm, games with sports coach. Thursday PM , cheerleading.

Autumn 2: TBC

Dates / Trips

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Please check the weekly newsletter for any key dates. We will update you on any up and coming trips nearer the time. Key information will also be displayed on our classroom window.

Staff

Autumn 1 PPA cover: sports coach and Mrs Kaur.
Autumn 2 PPA cover: art teacher and Mrs Kaur.
The year 2 staff are Miss Sargent, Miss Lewis, Miss Sands, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Driscoll, Mrs Brennan and Mr Jones.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details. Please check your classroom window for any new notices or extra information.

Maths

These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and are revisited at different points during the year.

- Count in 2s, 3s and 5s from 0 and 10s from any number
- Read, write, compare and order numbers to at least 100
- Know the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers
- Recall and use facts to 20 and derive related facts to 100
- Using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally, add and subtract ones, tens and two-digit numbers to and from two-digit numbers
- Add several single digits
- Tables and division facts for $\times 2$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$
- Use commutativity for addition and multiplication
- Check answers to calculations using inverse relationships
- Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$
- Recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value; add and subtract money of the same unit, including giving change
- Identify, compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes based on their properties (including symmetry in a vertical line) and use vocabulary, such as sides, edges, vertices and faces
- Identify 2D shapes on the surface of 3D shapes
- Right angle turns clockwise and anti-clockwise
- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables
- Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.