



Year 2

Term 2

Newsletter

Welcome back to parents, carers and children! We hope that you enjoyed the half term and are looking forward to the new term. Our topic has a geography focus and we will be finding out about the UK and Spain.

Trips!

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our workshop was 'Battersea Arts Time Keepers Club' which really helped the children to learn about what toys were like in the past.

For Term 2, our workshop was 'Where in the World is Baxter Bear?' to inspire the children's learning about the different places in the World.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure trips/visitors can take place. Regrettably, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

The Year 2 Team

Miss Alleman (Middle School Phase Leader)

Turquoise Class

Miss Bell (Class Teacher)

Livia (General TA)

Sam (Additional adult support)

Royal Class

Mr Monerville (Class Teacher)

Clare (General TA)

Alice (Additional adult support)

Sarah (Additional adult support)

Ms Bruton (Student Teacher)

English

The first week of every term we will focus on poetry. This term we will be using noun phrases and verbs to write acrostic poems about what we learn and what we enjoy at school. The Literacy Tree book we will be reading is 'The Magic Bed' by John Burningham. We will be retelling the story orally and identifying key features of settings in fantasy stories. We will then plan and write our own versions of the story. We will also be focusing on punctuation, grammar and spelling.

Maths

This term, we will be continuing to secure our knowledge of number and place value including solving problems in context. We will be looking at different ways to multiply and divide using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using both practical objects and mental strategies. Please support your child in learning their time tables.

We will also be covering objectives for measurement including money and statistics.

Science

This term we will be working scientifically by asking questions, observing, testing ideas, recording data, identifying and classifying and answering questions. To support this, we will ask the children what they want to find out and investigate to inform and plan our lessons. We are looking forward to hearing their ideas!

Read, Write, Inc

Every morning, your child will have a phonics session. At Crown Lane, we use the Read Write Inc teaching scheme. Your child will be assessed and put into a group appropriate to their needs.

Guided Reading

Everyday, our afternoon begins with Guided Reading. Your child will have a different reading focus each session, in order to help develop their skills. Children will have sessions that are supported by an adult and tasks that are expected to be completed independently. We will also be promoting a love of reading and reading for enjoyment so your children will be read to and they will also read to each other.

PE

Your child will have two PE sessions each week:

Tuesday—Hall

Thursday—Arena

The focuses this term are gymnastics and large ball games.

Please remember the kit consists of:

- Black/navy tracksuit bottoms for outside
- Black/navy shorts for inside
- White t-shirt
- Appropriate footwear (plimsolls/trainers)

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Spain'. The topic will have a Geography focus where we will be naming the World's continents and oceans and learning about the countries and surrounding seas of the UK. This week we have enjoyed exploring the World with Baxter Bear as part of a workshop delivered by Freshwater Theatre. Later in the term, we will also be finding out about Spain. In DT, we will be looking at what makes a healthy diet, where food comes from and preparing and cooking a variety of different recipes. In Spanish, we will be learning to say what food we like or don't like. As part of our Drugs and Alcohol curriculum, your child will be learning about how to keep themselves safe. In Computing, we will be learning about how to access online content safely. We will also learn about networks and different uses of technology beyond school. In R.E. we will be learning about Christianity.

Important date! Year 2 Sharing Assembly on Thursday 9th November at 9.10am