



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Theme: Harvest



English

In English, our writing will relate to our Harvest theme. We will begin by thinking about the crops harvested at this time of year and generate 'What am I?' poems. We will then move on to look at texts relating to Harvest and complete writing activities related to these. During whole class reading comprehensions, we will explore a range of texts relating to harvest and after reading the text, answer some questions about it. In handwriting lessons, we will begin to learn some joins and will practise and extend our knowledge of long vowel sounds in phonics to help with our reading and spelling. In grammar lessons, we will explore sentence types, verb tenses, and continue to learn how to extend sentences using adjectives.

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring place value. We will use a wide range of equipment to understand that numbers can be represented in a variety of ways. We will explore how a 2 digit number is constructed from tens and ones, this is called partitioning. We will use our partitioning skills to understand that numbers can be partitioned in lots of different ways. We will be using lots of practical equipment including base 10, number lines, tens frames and part-whole models to support the children with their learning. We will move on to shape – recognising 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes and their features. The children will also be exploring symmetry.

KIRFS: (Key Instant Recall Facts) This is taught daily to help the children recall number facts quickly. This term we will be focusing on number bonds. The aim is that the children will confidently know their number bonds to 10 and 20 and know all addition and subtraction facts for multiples of 10 to 100. Here are some useful website to help you – www.ictgames.com – [save the whale/](http://www.save-the-whale.com) [ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) – [funky mummy.](http://www.funky-mummy.co.uk)

You can also [click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands](#)

Foundation Subjects

Science – 'Animals Including Humans'. We will learn about the basic needs of humans for survival, the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene. We will also explore how we learn, grow and change from babies into adults.

DT – in DT we will be cooking a healthy breakfast frittata. We will be exploring the eat well

guide and evaluating the food.

RSHE – in RSHE we will be learning basic first aid skills, thinking about caring friendships and respectful relationships and looking at rights and responsibilities of people in our community.

RE – ‘How Can We Make Good Choices’. We will learn how rules help us create a happy classroom and school. We will enjoy some religious and non-religious stories with a moral message and will explore the rules of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, including the Ten Commandments and the Five Pillars.

Computing – ‘Technology Around Us’. We will be developing our understanding of technology and how it can help us in our everyday lives. We will become familiar with the different parts of a computer and develop our keyboard and mouse skills. We will also learn how to use technology safely and responsibly.

Music – We will be listening to a range of music and learning new songs, including some Harvest songs for our October assembly. We will learn a range of notes and do some composition using glockenspiels.

PE - in PE we are learning gymnastic skills with a specialist from Utopia gymnastics and we will also be practising and developing locomotor skills.

Geography – We will be learning where our food comes from. We will link everyday experiences of buying and eating food within the UK with the children’s growing geographical understanding of the world. We will begin to make connections between what we buy, where it comes from locally and how it might be able to be sourced from the UK (and beyond).

Special Events

Year 2 will be sharing their learning from the first half term on Harvest during a special year group assembly on 26th October at 9:15am in the hall. All families are invited to attend, and we hope you can join us.

Please use the hall door entrance on the bottom playground for this event. We look forward to seeing you.

Homework

Reading

We recommend 20 minutes of daily reading at home. When your child reads with you at home, please write a comment in their reading diary.

Spelling

Spellings for the half term will be sent out, children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. At the end of each half term, they will be tested on 20 words from across the half term. Please use Spelling Shed as a tool to motivate and support your child to learn their spellings. Usernames and passwords will be sent home soon.

Maths

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum, children will learn the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. There will be a weekly multiplication test in school. We would encourage you to help your child practise the Year 2 times tables using their Times Table Rockstars account. You may wish to also use the Hit the Button online game which can be accessed at:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Reminders

Reading packets: Reading packets need to be in school daily – books will be changed on a Tuesday /Friday. Please comment when you read with your child, so we know to swap the book.

Spelling books: These should be returned to school before the next test after you have reviewed the previous week with your child. Spelling tests will be every Friday. You will receive an overview of the terms spellings separately.

PE Kits: Please can you ensure PE kits are named and remain in school for the half term. If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on P.E. days or provide tape. Long hair must be tied back for that day or provide a bobble. Please can you provide your child with a sweat band to cover any religious jewellery.

Water bottles: Water bottles should be named and sent into school daily containing still water only.

Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any

Important Dates

Thursday 5th October – Tempest individual &

questions or require any further support.

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Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours.

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Thursday 26th October – Year 2 Harvest Assembly @ 9:15am

Thursday 26th October – Close for half term (school closed for staff training on Friday 27th)

Monday 6th November – School reopens for Autumn B

