



Uniform, PE kits and water bottles: Please ensure your child is sent everyday with a water bottle containing water only. P.E. kits need to be worn on a Monday and Thursday. Olive Hill jumpers are to be worn with P.E. kit. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and looks smart in line with the school expectations. Please ensure that all of your child's clothes, bag, lunch box and water bottle are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Home Learning: Home learning will continue to be given out on a Friday alternating English and maths and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Each week your child will bring home their spellings and times tables to practise. Home learning can be accessed on the school website.

Reading: Each week your child will be given a reading book. Please ensure that your child brings their book and reading record to school every day.

Library Visits: Once a month your child will visit Long Lane Library. You will be notified of the visit via a note.

Dates for your diary:

19th April—Black Country Living Museum trip.



The Black Country's Bostin'!



Year Two
Summer Term



Welcome back to year 2; we hope you all had a fantastic break and had lots of fun! Thank you for your continued support so far in year 2. We are looking forward to our new topic and the exciting plans we've got for this term.

It is important that your child is in school and on time every day to help them achieve their full potential.

Year 2 team:

Mrs Higgins (Apple Class Teacher and Phase Leader)

Miss Frost (Hawthorn Class Teacher)

Mrs Dudley (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Allen (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Dubbs (Teaching Student)

Miss Ryding (Teaching Student)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any concerns; we will do our best to answer your queries.

Our learning experience:

The theme for our summer term learning experience is 'The Black Country's Bostin!' This will be our science and design technology based topic which will culminate in the children creating a project in school to showcase their learning. We will be discussing the answer to our Big Question: 'What makes the Black Country unique?'. The children will be learning about the history of our local area as well as the characteristics and location of places of special interest to the Black Country. Any research you would like to do at home is encouraged!



English: During this term we will be writing a setting description and narrative letter based upon *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy. Alongside this, we will use this text as inspiration for non-fiction work such as spell recipes, poetry and a diary.

Maths: This term in Maths we will be focusing on fractions, time, position and direction, and measurements. We will also be revisiting multiplication and division to aid with further problem solving and multi-step problems.

Science: Our topic this term in science is plants. Children will be predicting what different seeds grow into, and taking part in an experiment to see what a plant needs to grow and stay healthy. We will also be using drama to understand the life cycle of a plant and plant reproduction. It will be a very hands-on and practical topic which we hope will help the children gain a deeper understanding.

Art and DT: In art we will be looking at imitating the work of L.S. Lowry's 'matchstick men' in relation to our topic. In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating our own protest flags in reference to the chainmaker strikes.

PE: This term the children will be developing understanding of the principles of net and wall games to maximise chances of scoring when playing games. We will also be preparing for sports day by developing our athletic skills and learning the importance of striking and fielding.

RE/PSHE: During these lessons, the children will be looking at the values of honesty, courtesy and fairness. We will also be preparing to move into year three by discussing the changes that happen in our lives and how we deal with them. Our key question in RE is 'Why are religious teachings important?' We will be looking at Christianity, Islam and Judaism to answer this question.

Computing: In computing the children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and gain experience of capturing, editing and improving photos of the school.