

Uniform, PE kits and water bottles: Please ensure your child is sent everyday with a labelled water bottle which holds a maximum of 750ml. Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on Monday and Thursday, which includes a school jumper. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and looks smart in line with school expectations. Please ensure that all of your child's clothes, book bag, lunch box and water bottle are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Home Learning: Home learning will be uploaded to the school website on a Friday. Please support your child at home by hearing them read every night, helping them to learn their spellings, practise their times table clubs and accessing Times Tables Rock Stars (further information to follow).

Reading: Reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. To ensure fluency please encourage your child to read their book more than once.

You will be notified when monthly visits to Long Lane Library recommence.

Dates for your diary:

Theatre workshop: Tuesday 14th November. Further details to follow.

RSPB Visit: Friday 13th October. Further details to follow.

A separate letter detailing this terms show and tell session will be sent out shortly.

Exhibition dates:

Apple class: 7th December 2:30pm

Hawthorn class: 8th December 9:15am



"We think of the world as a family"



Year 2
Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 2! As we are sure you are aware, this is a really important year for your child and we are looking forward to taking them on the next part of their school journey. It is important that your child is in school and on time every day to help them achieve their full potential. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

Year 2 team:

Mrs Higgins (Apple Class Teacher/Phase leader)

Miss Frost (Hawthorn Class Teacher)

Mrs Dudley (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Allen (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Waldron (School based tutor)

If you have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries. Please contact the school office and we will return your call as soon as we can. The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

Our topic:

The theme for our Autumn term topic is 'We think of the World as a Family'. This topic will be our humanities based topic. During this topic children will learn the names and locations of the seven continents and five oceans of the world and explore them in more depth. The children will learn to use world maps, atlases and globes as well as simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds. We will also be exploring the diversity and differing cultures which make up our world.



English: This term in English, we will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked in with our topic. Children will develop the skills to write for a range of purposes, including a diary entry and narratives. There will be a focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation and we will continue to practise our phonics skills by launching weekly spelling activities.

Maths: This term in Maths, we will be focusing on number and place value and rehearsing counting in 2's 5's and 10's. We will have the opportunity to learn all about the value of money and finding change. We will be learning efficient written methods for the four operations $(+ - \times$ and $\div)$ and looking at problem solving through reasoning.

Science: In Science, this term we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats', categorising them by alive, dead, and never living. During the second half of the term, we will be learning about 'Animals, including humans'.

PE: In PE, we will be learning team building skills to teach co-operation. In games, the children will be learning fundamental skills needed for invasion games such as football and tag rugby.

Design and Technology: In Design and Technology, we will be learning about a healthy diet and where food comes from. The children will have the opportunity to create their own fruit salad.

RE/SMSC: In RE, we will be exploring how we can offer praise and thanks to our local community. In our *SMSC* lessons, we will be learning about respect, gratitude and kindness and thinking about any future goals we might have.

Computing: The children will be provided with the opportunity to use and modify designs to create their own quiz questions in Scratch Jr about the seven continents.

Music: In Music, we will be using rhythmic body percussion to provide music to moving images.

Art: In Art, the children will be creating a geometric colour study based upon the work of Kandinsky.