

Year 2 Autumn 1

Curriculum Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer holidays! We have been delighted with the children's calm and settled start to the year and to see all the children so enthusiastic, confident and happy to meet old friends and make new ones in their year 2 classes. We have a very committed and enthusiastic year two team who will work together to achieve the best for your child. Miss Prior is excited to be phase leader for years one and two. We would like to introduce you to the year two team:

Woodpecker Class: Class Teacher Mrs Evans Teaching Assistant Mrs Whitfield

Fox Class: Class Teacher Miss Reilly, Teaching Assistant Mrs Dunford

Badger Class: Class Teacher Miss Innes, Teaching Assistant Mrs Liddiard

On Monday 24th September we will be holding a year two curriculum evening where we will discuss the year two curriculum in more detail and offer ideas as to how you can support your child at home with their learning. It would be great to see you there!

Curriculum

This half term's topic is **Hocus Pocus** and through an integrated curriculum we will be teaching English, Geography and Art. In English the children will be writing instructions to make their very own potion and writing magical stories. In phonics the children will be looking at different spelling patterns and investigating where digraphs come in words. In Geography the children will learn about physical and human features and create a map of the school playground using simple symbols. In art the children will be creating their own forest settings using natural objects. Hopefully, you have received the letter about our trip to the common on Tuesday 18th September where we will venture into the forbidden forest to find the magic potion!



In Mathematics the children will be learning about the properties of 2d shapes and learning about lines of symmetry. They will also be consolidating their knowledge of place value by partitioning two digit numbers in different ways. They will apply this to solve a variety of number related problems. They will be developing their mental strategies to add and subtract 1 and 10 from any number to 100. You may wish to support your child with this skill at home to help develop their speed.

In science the children will be making electrical circuits. They will learn the skills to draw and test simple circuits and learn how to make a switch. At the end of the unit the children will create a light for a wizard's house.



PE

In PE this half term, the children will be developing their striking skills in hockey and learning the rules to play simple matches. In gymnastics the children will be creating their own sequences to Harry Potter themed music. Listed below are the classes PE slots but please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times because your child may be taking part in sporting events on different days.

Woodpecker Class - Monday and Friday

Fox Class - Wednesday and Friday

Badger Class - Monday and Wednesday

Library

Please ensure that your child has their library book in their book bags on library day.
Library times are as follows:



Woodpecker Class - Tuesday Fox Class - Thursday Badger Class - Monday

Reading books

The children will now be responsible for changing their coloured reading book independently so please remind your child to change it when they arrive at school in the morning before register when they have finished it. Please continue to sign in their reading book when you have listened to them read.

Home learning

The home learning for this half term will be to consider if they were a witch or wizard for the day what would be their wish. Please see the attached letter for more information. Please may this be handed in by Friday 5th October.

Celebration event

The children are very excited about this topic and we hope you will be able to join us for our celebration event on Friday 12th October at 2.50pm for a 'magical tea party'. We will all be dressing up on this day as something magical and the children will be sharing their instructions with you. The children will also be baking so if you are available to help on this day, please let your child's class teacher know.



The Year 2 team recognises how valuable parental support is to children's learning and the school community. We are always extremely grateful for any additional time that parents are willing to give to the school. If you are interested in sharing books with children, teaching them some basic cookery skills, or working within the class on a regular basis to support groups of children in their activities, please talk to your child's teacher. We ask that you are able to make a regular commitment to help, and understand that we allow children a settling time until after half term before we will invite volunteers in to classes.

Many thanks for your continuing support,

The Year 2 Team

Miss Prior (Phase leader)

Fox class: Miss Reilly,

Woodpecker class: Mrs Evans

Badger class: Miss Innes