



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024/25



We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer break! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Geography - Our topic this half term is Pirates!

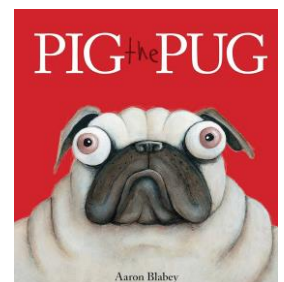
We will learn about the continents and oceans of the world as well as using directional language to describe a journey. To get inspired we are having a 'Dress like a Pirate' day on **Friday 13th September.**



You will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

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English - Our first unit of writing this half term will be based around the book *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey. During this unit we will revisit key skills from year 1, namely the correct use of punctuation, accurate letter formation and writing sensible sentences. The themes we will draw out from the book are those of sharing and collaborating.



After this, we will look at *Pirate Cruncher* by Johnny Duddle. Through this text, we will revisit rules for the past tense as well as beginning to look at the use of apostrophes in contraction and possession. We will begin to teach children to extend sentences through the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We will produce letters and diary entries that focus on the use of the first person.

To support the children's English we will continue with daily phonics for the first half term. This will involve revisiting sounds learnt in year 1 with a focus on the application of these in children's writing. We will split into groups for phonics where children are with peers that are of a similar reading level.

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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Please join Jess White for a reading workshop at 9.15 on Tuesday 10th September.
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Maths - We will begin this half term by focusing on place value. In year 2 we learn the numbers up to 100 and understand their composition. Children will be able to partition numbers in different ways and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Having secured place value, we will move on to addition and subtraction including adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers with exchanging. We will also begin a daily math's practice called mastering number designed by NCETM. This is designed to support children in developing good number sense. They will look at numbers like 13 for example and be able to see this is made up of 10 and 3 as well as being a near double for 6 and 6.

You can support your child at home by asking questions about two digit numbers such as how many tens and how many ones as well as practising fast recall of facts such as number bond to ten and twenty and one more/less and ten more/less than any number to one hundred.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - We will be looking at 'Animals, including Humans' this half term. We will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy, the importance of exercise, eating the right kinds of foods, and hygiene.



R.E – Year 2's big question for the year is 'Can stories change people?' This half term we will be learning about where the world comes from and how we should look after it.

P.E – This term we are learning gymnastics and multi skills.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

2LT	Wednesday	Thursday
2SD	Wednesday	Thursday

PSHE - This half term, we will be learning about keeping our bodies healthy using exercise and by making informed food choices. We will also learn about what happens to our bodies as they grow.

Music - This half term, we will revisit some songs we learnt in year 1 as well as learning new ones for year 2. We will clap rhythms and play some tuned and untuned instruments.



Computing - This half term, we are learning about computing systems and networks. We will look at the use of IT in school and the world around us.

On behalf of the year 2 team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/besemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>