

Year 2 – Autumn Term



Welcome to the start of this brand new school year. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and that the children are excited to get back to school.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead and are particularly looking forward to our new topics.



Our project this term is called 'Magnificent Monarchs'. This project will teach us about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. We will use timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources.

Here are some useful website and books that you may wish to tap into to learn more about our topic.

Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Famous monarchs
The home of the Royal Family

Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
100 Facts Kings and Queens	Miles Kelly	9781782093732
The Usborne Kings and Queens Picture Book	Sarah Courthauld and Kate Davies	9781474930154
People in History: Henry VIII	Stephen White-Thompson	9780750284134
History Heroes: Elizabeth I	Damian Harvey	9781445133027
Info Buzz: Queen Victoria	Izzi Howell	9781445159508



In Art our topic is called 'Portraits and Poses' and our Design Technology topic is 'Remarkable Recipes'. In Science we will be learning about 'Animal Survival'. We will also be continuing with PE, Jigsaw, Computing, RE, Music, Spelling and Writing activities / Guided Reading each week.....as well as our daily maths and English.

Helping your child at home

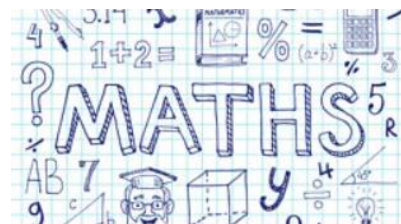
Reading in Year 2 - Please continue to read frequently with your child at home (at least three times each week, more if you are able to). Reading is such a huge part of your child's learning journey and is the basis of everything we do. Your child will be bringing home a book of their choice, along with a correctly levelled book bag book and a RWI book that has recently been read in class. Please listen to your child read these books, asking them questions about what they have read. This will really help with your child's comprehension skills. Once your child has read 10 times at home they will be presented with a special reading sticker.



Homework Tasks - This year we will no longer be setting homework on Seesaw. We will however be setting work to complete each week on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. We would also like children to read frequently (see details above) and practice reading and writing the words that are stuck in to the back of your child's reading diary. Please work on these each week throughout the year and mark off when your child can read and write the words correctly. We have included Year 1 and Year 2 words so that you are able to start at a point that is appropriate for your child.

Maths

- Help your child to learn their times tables - $\times 2$, $\times 5$ $\times 10$
- Help your child to tell the time confidently - begin with o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Move on to 5 minute intervals if your child is confident.
- Addition and subtraction work
- Fractions of shapes - $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$



Any extra support you give your child with their maths work will really help them to be more confident in class. Thank you for all you continue to do.



PE - We would like all children to continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days (Mondays and Wednesdays). Please wear full PE kit on these days. Please remove earrings at home on PE days so that they don't have to be taken out in school.

Snack - All Year 2 children will continue to be given a piece of fruit at morning break time. If your child would prefer to bring their own snack it must be piece of fruit. Please can all Year 2 children bring their own water bottle to school each day. There will be a special area in the classroom to keep these.



Please ask your child's class teacher if you ever have an questions or concerns. You can contact us through dojo and we can then arrange a phone call or to meet you after school if this is better. Please always ask! We're here to help and want the very best for your children.

Mrs Deary

Mrs Hall

Mrs Foden

Mrs McCulloch