

Welcome to Year 2

Miss Latham, Mrs Price and Mrs Gibbs

English

Firstly, we will immerse ourselves in instructions as we help explain many things such as how to make pizzas, how to make pizza and, of course, how to put Iron Man back together again. We will explore all things dragons, kings and queens, where we will rewrite a very famous legend 'George and the Dragon'. Alongside this, we will continue to become handwriting, grammar and spelling experts.



Music

In music this term, we will discover ways to use our voices to describe feelings and moods. We will also explore, create and perform vocal sounds and notate pitch and duration, building to a performance.



Well-Being

Our 'Well-Being Wednesday' session will continue this year. Year 2 will be learning sign language and First Aid skills this term. Alongside this, we will cover the four other areas of well-being such as Giving, Being Active, Taking Notice and Connecting.

Religious Education & British Values

Our focus value for this term is respect and tolerance. The bird that we have linked this value to is the owl. Also, in Religious Education, we will explore Jewish celebrations and hope to recreate some of them ourselves.

Maths

Our first step, with Miss Latham, this year will be number and place value. We will be comparing, ordering and partitioning numbers to at least 100. We will then use our knowledge of number facts and place value to solve a variety of problems. Practical problems are a fundamental part of our lessons this year as they will enable us to master each area of mathematics. The 2, 5 and 10 times tables are a very important part of our Maths work in Year 2 so please practise these at home as much as you can on Times Tables Rock Stars.

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday with Mr Willars. It is essential that PE kit is in school on these days. All jewellery will need to be removed and hair tied back. This term there will be a focus on dance and gymnastics.



Computing

We will explore coding and will create a variety of PowerPoint presentations linked to our topic. Online safety will also be a key part of our sessions and we will explore this using a text called 'Chicken Clicking'



Science

This term, as will be our main topic, we will be identifying and classifying the uses of different materials in order to insulate objects from intense cold temperatures like you would find outside of our atmosphere. We will also explore forces. There will be many opportunities to do this practically both in the classroom and in the DT room, using resources such as microscopes to look at different materials close up.

Topic

This term, we will be travelling far and wide around the universe, exploring all of the planets in our solar system. We will also go back in time to compare the great explorers of space from today, to those who were the first to travel into space in 1961. We will delve into the minds of people such as Neil Armstrong, Yuri Alekseyevich and Tim Peake.

We've got some huge surprises in store for you...Watch this space!



Grown Ups

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all this year and working as a team to ensure your children reach their full potential. I truly value your help and support in ensuring that your child has a fantastic time in Year 2. Please, always come and speak to me if there is anything at all that I can help you with; my door is always open.

For the first half term, if you have any spare cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops, bubble wrap or any other items specifically linked to our topic, 'Out of this World' (Space), which we could use in our art or topic sessions, please could you bring them into school.

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and your child will have **one week** to learn them before having a test on the following Friday. In Spelling and Grammar sessions, your child will learn spelling rules to support them with their current spellings. Additionally homework will be handed out on Fridays, which will be due in on the following Thursday. We will try and alternate the homework each week. For instance, it may be Maths one week, topic the next and then Literacy.