

Broadening Horizons Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1

Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy term in Year 2. We hope this letter will give you a flavour of what we will be learning, and some ideas for a homework project you can help your child with and bring into school during week beginning 1st November 2021.

Thank you for supporting you child by reading regularly every day at home and completing the reading, spelling and maths homework posted on to Google Classroom weekly.

Kind regards,
The Year 2 Teaching Team Mrs Azmi and Miss Bekem.



The World Outside Our Window

*Outdoor learning * Environmental * Global*



We want our children to understand that learning occurs everywhere, inside and outside. The important thing is to seize opportunities, be positive and seek out new challenges. By having a curriculum with a strong focus on outdoor learning, and an assumption that we will not give up easily, we teach our children to be resilient, determined and to see things through. This half term we will have a particular focus on outdoor learning and the benefits it provides for our children.

English

This half term our focus has been on our whole school book about penguins, 'and Tango makes three'. We are working towards writing a story about visiting the zoo.

Homework project: We encourage you to explore the great outdoors, visit any nature reserves or zoos, and come back to class to tell us all about it.

Maths

In Maths, we are beginning the year by focusing on fluency and place value. We will also be ordering and comparing numbers to 100 and looking at measure.

Homework project: You can choose a number and create a poster representing that number in many different ways using objects from home like pebbles, pasta or sticks.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about living things and habitats. The children will learn about a range of different habitats and the plants and animals that live there.

Homework project: You can research an animal of your choice and create a fact file about the animal and their habitat. (Try to include a photo or drawing of the animal in their habitat)

Humanities	<p>At the end of this half term, we will have begun our History topic on toys. The children will be exploring the evolution of toys.</p> <p>Homework project: We would like the children to research about historical toys by asking older members of their family what they enjoyed playing as a child. If possible, we would encourage playing some of these.</p>
Creative	<p>Our creative topic this half term is Moving Pictures/ Traditional Tales. During this unit, children will be given opportunities to develop their understanding of mechanisms including wheels, levers and sliders.</p> <p>Homework project: You can create your own stick or finger puppets based around characters from traditional tales.</p>
PSHE	<p>This half term we are learning about 'being me in my world'. This includes exploring rules and how to be part of a safe environment along with being a positive member of our school.</p> <p>Homework project: Create a poster detailing why you make a good friend.</p>
RE	<p>The children will be learning about the use of light and dark in a religious context. This involves exploring religious celebrations and the symbolism of light and dark within different religions.</p> <p>Homework project: Take photos of three things, which remind you of or represent light and three things, which remind you of or represent the dark.</p>
Computing	<p>This half term we will be learning how to use the internet safely and considering our digital footprint.</p> <p>Homework project: Create a poster with the do's and don'ts of using the internet safely.</p>
PE	<p>The children will be completing the unit 'Throwing and Catching'. By the end of the unit, they will have developed their skills by throwing, catching and bouncing both independently and with others.</p> <p>Homework project: Practice by playing any games which involves throwing, catching or rolling a ball e.g. bowling/skittles/basketball/netball. Do not forget to take pictures and bring them to school.</p>
Important dates and information	<p>Key stage 1 photographs: Wednesday 15th September.</p> <p>Half-term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October.</p>