

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 - Term 1 2023/2024

Welcome to Year 2!

It is lovely to have you back after the summer holiday and we are very excited for the year ahead. Please make sure you log onto Class Dojo each week to check for updates and to see all our amazing work!

It is very important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading book and a coat** every day!



Dates for Term 1:

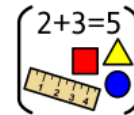
11th October: Junction 3 Library Visit
18th October: Last day of Term 1
30th October: Term 2 Starts

Authors



As authors this term, first we will be reading Emily and The Thing.
We will be applying our learning from Year 1 and using new skills and our amazing imaginations to help us write our own narratives based on this story. We will then be reading Look Up and be using this story to inspire us to write a set of instructions. Don't forget to ask us all about our books and writing at home – we will be very excited to discuss it with you!

Mathematicians



As mathematicians, we will be deepening our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 100. We will do this by practicing the skill of subitising numbers 1-10 and looking at comparing quantities (using more than and less than). We will also be exploring calculations within 20.

We will also be investigating 2D and 3D shape with Miss Smaka.

Scientists



As scientists, we will be exploring planet Earth and its place in the solar system.

We will investigate and discuss how the sun gives us heat and light, and how the sun is part of the solar system along with planets and moons. We will also look at how the Earth moved around the sun (orbits) once every year and how the Earth spins round once every day.

We will be using a range of new vocabulary to explain our learning as scientists!

Athletes



Our athlete lessons for Term 1 are on **Monday and Thursday**.

Children should come to school dressed ready for athlete lessons.

As athletes, we will be practising and refining our basic movement skills through our Real PE curriculum.

We are very excited to have Bristol Robins Foundation Coaches coming to run our Thursday sports session.

Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be focusing on our Phase 5b phonics sounds, as well as revising Phase 4 (including Phase 2 and 3).

Please ask us about our phonics sounds at home!

Historians



As historians this term we will be using our skills to start exploring the Victorian Era (AD 1837 – AD 1901), the changes that happened in the local area and the impact it had.

Evergreen Citizens



As Evergreen Citizens we will be celebrating Being Me in My World.

We will be exploring our hopes and fears for the year ahead and thinking about how to make others feel welcome. We will also be thinking about what we can do to make our school community a better place.

At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home at least **5 times per week**.

This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference. Don't forget to ask your child to identify the sounds in the words – they will be very keen to show off their phonics skills!

We will be checking in daily and will change books when appropriate.

Have fun reading together!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak with myself or Miss Carruthers at the door.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Goodfellow – Year 2 Class Teacher