



Year 2 termly information sheet

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Year 2 **class teachers and TAs** are:

Scarlet class - Mrs Hanbury-Smith (Mon-Tues), Mrs Garcia (Wed-Fri) and Miss Moss

Crimson class - Mrs Wood (Mon-Wed), Mr Bushell (Thurs-Fri) and Miss K

PE days: We have PE on Monday and Wednesday this term. Please ensure your child's PE is in school on these days.

PPA cover: Mr Allen and Mr Bushell will teach both classes on Wednesday morning to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Mr Allen will teach P.E and Mr Bushell will teach computing.

Reading at home: To best support your child to become an independent reader, we ask you to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Reading books must be brought into school every day and kept in their bags if they do not need changing. We encourage pupils to read the whole book twice before changing them. Please use the reading records to record when you hear your child read. Leave books that need changing in the labelled red box for each class.

Homework: You will have been given a homework book with all the tasks for this half term listed on the first page. It should be completed by the following Thursday, dates for each task are detailed on the first page. Please encourage the correct pencil grip and letter formation, and neat handwriting and presentation.

Spellings: We will be using the spelling programme called Essential Letters and Sounds (following on from the phonics programme used in Year 1). Every Friday your child will bring home a list of spellings to learn, to consolidate their learning from

the previous week. We will test some of these words the following week as a quick retrieval task on white boards. Please encourage and support them to learn the spellings ('look, cover, write, check' method, writing them using different colours or typing them are some useful strategies).

How you can help at home:

- Read regularly
- Practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables – Hit the Button, YouTube songs, TT Rockstars
- Address spelling mistakes in homework, discussing rules and spelling patterns
- Practise spellings at least 3 times a week
- Support with homework
- Keep up to date with our learning by looking at our class blog on the website <https://albancityschool.org.uk/Year-2-Crimson-and-Scarlet/>

Please do not hesitate to speak to us at any time during soft start, after school or by requesting a telephone call via the office.

Best wishes,

The Year 2 Team

Curriculum learning

In Year 2 we will be teaching the various areas of our curriculum through Continuous Provision. We will be encouraging the children to be independent with their learning by setting independent tasks which they will need to complete within each week. For English and Maths the children will spend time at the directed table learning with an adult whilst the other children spend time showing their learning in an area of the classroom of their choice. In this way, children will be able to learn the curriculum but have the free choice to show us how they want to demonstrate their understanding, which supports their learning and wellbeing.

English – This term the children will be exposed to different genres of writing including stories, descriptive writing and information texts. Within these sessions we will continue to secure their use of language, sentence structure, capital letters and full stops and correct letter formation.

Maths – Securing place value and regrouping 2-digit numbers. Representing, ordering and comparing numbers to 100. Adding and subtracting numbers mentally. 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science – Throughout the year we will revisit the topic How Plants Grow. This term we will be looking at bulbs and how they grow. Our main topic is materials. We will be learning about the properties of materials and how materials are used for specific purposes.

P.E – Over the term we will be focusing on ball skills, fundamentals, gymnastics and target games.

R.E – Exploring symbols and actions within our daily lives as well as in different celebrations that are linked to Christianity and Hinduism.

History – In our topic this term we will be learning about castles and their features. We will also be learning about some monarchs and taking a trip to Mountfitchet Castle.

Art – We will be looking at the idea that artists are explorers and collectors. We will create patterns with nature using wax resist techniques and drawing.

Design and Technology – We will be learning about how to join and cut paper. Our main topic will be levers, wheels and axles and we will be exploring these through our castle topic.

PSHE – As it is the start of a new year we will be focusing on building positive relationships, particularly friendships, that explore being treated with respect as well as treating others with respect. We will also be learning about feelings and emotions.

Music – Music in Space. We will be exploring Holst's "The Planets", and learning how to be a good orchestra conductor! We will be learning how to sing in canon, and will continue to build on our musicianship skills.

Computing – Learn how to take and edit digital photographs. Use symbols to code and create multiple commands.



50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 2 (ages 6-7)

✓ Which ones have you read?

Funny Books

- ☐  **The Couch Potato**
Jory John & Pete Oswald
- ☐  **Don't Trust Fish!**
Neil Sharpson & Dan Santat
- ☐  **The Troll**
Julia Donaldson & David Roberts
- ☐  **The Duck Never Blinks**
Alex Latimer

Short Independent Chapter Books

- ☐  **Croaky: Search for the Sasquatch**
Matty Long
- ☐  **Claude at the Circus**
Alex T. Smith
- ☐  **Nellie Choc-Ice, Penguin Explorer**
Jeremy Strong & Jamie Smith
- ☐  **The Missing Bunny**
Holly Webb & Antonia Woodward
- ☐  **Watts & Whiskerton: Sabotage at the Fete Cake Bake**
Meg McLaren
- ☐  **Lottie the Little Wonder**
Katherine Woodfine & Ella Okstad
- ☐  **Izzy the Inventor and the Unexpected Unicorn**
Zanna Davidson & Elissa Elwick

Classic Stories

- ☐  **The Enchanted Wood**
Enid Blyton
- ☐  **Pippi Longstocking**
Astrid Lindgren & Lauren Child
- ☐  **George's Marvellous Medicine**
Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake
- ☐  **Martin's Mice**
Dick King Smith
- ☐  **Flat Stanley**
Jeff Brown & Rob Biddulph

Stories about Kindness and Inclusivity

- ☐  **Leo and the Octopus**
Isabelle Marinov & Chris Nixon
- ☐  **My Friend Andy**
Emma Chinnery
- ☐  **Rajiv's Starry Feelings**
Niall Moorjani & Nanette Regan
- ☐  **Aaron Slater, Illustrator**
Andrea Beaty & David Roberts
- ☐  **Cloud Boy**
Greg Stobbs

Short Graphic Novels

- ☐  **InvestiGators**
John Patrick Green

Animal Stories

- ☐  **The Rainbow Bear**
Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman
- ☐  **The Emerald Forest**
Catherine Ward & Karin Littlewood
- ☐  **Jenny Peckles Lays Eggs With Speckles**
Rachel Emily & Paul Delaney
- ☐  **Darwin's Super-Pooping Worm Spectacular**
Polly Owen & Gwen Milward

Interesting & Thought-Provoking Stories

- ☐  **Can I Build Another Me?**
Shinsuke Yoshitake
- ☐  **The Tunnel**
Anthony Browne
- ☐  **Barnaby Unboxed**
The Fan Brothers
- ☐  **Troll Stinks!**
Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross
- ☐  **If I Were Prime Minister**
Trygve Skaug & Ella Okstad
- ☐  **My Momo-La is a Museum**
Mamta Nainy & Violet Kim

Magic, Myths and Fairytales

- ☐  **Inside the Villains**
Clotilde Perrin
- ☐  **The Glass Heart**
Sally Gardner
- ☐  **Luna and the Sky Dragon**
Bethan Woolvin
- ☐  **My Encyclopedia of Very Important Myths & Legends**
DK

Storytime Chapter Books

- ☐  **Dino Dad**
Andy Day & Steven Lenton
- ☐  **The Naughtiest Unicorn**
Pip Bird & David O'Connell
- ☐  **An Alien in the Jam Factory**
Chrissie Sains & Jenny Taylor
- ☐  **Einstein the Penguin**
Iona Rangeley & David Tazzyman
- ☐  **Marge in Charge**
Isla Fisher & Eglantine Ceulemans
- ☐  **Magic Faces: Heroes of the Pirate Ship**
Esi Merleh & Abbeha Tariq

Poems & Rhymes

- ☐  **An Emotional Menagerie**
The School of Life
- ☐  **Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems**
Michael Rosen & Shoo Rayner

Information Books

- ☐  **Don't Squish a Slug**
Yussef Rafik & Riley Samels
- ☐  **The Big Book of the Blue**
Yuval Zommer
- ☐  **What's the Actually Factually Difference?**
Jane Wilsher & Liz Kay
- ☐  **Meet the Microbes!**
Dr Emily Grossman & Maggie Li
- ☐  **Small, Sparkling Raindrop**
Mary Auld & Lou Baker Smith
- ☐  **Welcome to Our Table**
Laura Mucha, Ed Smith & Harriet Lynas



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