



## Year 2 termly information sheet

### Welcome to the Autumn Term

We hope you find the following information useful.

**PE days:** Crimson class has P.E on Thursday and Friday and Scarlet class has P.E on Monday and Thursday each week.

**PPA cover:** Mr Clements and Mr Bushell will teach both classes on Thursday morning to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Mr Clements 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 spend 10 minutes a day reading with your child. Reading books must be brought into school every day. We encourage pupils to read the books at least three times before changing them. Please use the reading records to record when you hear your child read. Please leave books that need changing in the labelled box for each class.

**Homework:** This will be set on Friday using Google Classroom. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive the homework on paper. It should be completed by the following Thursday.

**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 some spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. 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 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

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

**English** – This term the children will be exposed to different genres of writing including poetry, stories and letter writing. Within these sessions we will continue to secure their use of capital letters and full stops.

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

**Science** – Our focus for the first half term will be around animals including humans including the importance of keeping healthy. In the second half of the term the focus will be on living things and their habitats.

**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.

**Geography** – Our topic is Rainforests. We will identify where they are, explore the layers of the rainforest and where animals live as well as looking at the impact of deforestation.

**History** – In our topic this term we will be looking at significant figures including Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Grace Darling.

**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** – Exploring pop-up mechanisms and creating a pop up card.

**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?



	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Smart Cookie</b> Jory John and Pete Oswald		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Rainbow Bear</b> Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beegu</b> Alexis Deacon		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Poems Aloud</b> Joseph Coelho and Daniel Gray-Barnett
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs</b> Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Three Little Wolves And The Big Bad Pig</b> Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>George's Marvellous Medicine</b> Roald Dahl		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flat Stanley</b> Jeff Brown and Rob Biddulph
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Martin's Mice</b> Dick King-Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Naughtiest Unicorn</b> Pip Bird and David O'Connell
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Legend of Kevin</b> Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>You Are 25% Banana</b> Susie Brooks and Josy Bloggs
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lubna and Pebble</b> Wendy Meddour and Daniel Egneus		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>How To Be Cooler Than Cool</b> Sean Taylor and Jean Jullien
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marv and the Mega Robot</b> Alex Falase-Koya and Paula Bowles		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pip and Egg</b> Alex Latimer and David Litchfield
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>My Very Important World</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Somebody Swallowed Stanley</b> Sarah Roberts and Hannah Peck
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Rainforest Book</b> Charlotte Milner		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Whale Who Wanted More</b> Rachel Bright and Jim Field
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Claude at the Circus</b> Alex T Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet</b> Kate Pankhurst
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Can I Build Another Me?</b> Shinsuke Yoshitake		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aaron Slater, Illustrator</b> Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Big Book Of The Blue</b> Yuval Zommer		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bumble &amp; Snug and the Angry Pirates</b> Mark Bradley

	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Enchanted Wood</b> Enid Blyton		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Proudest Blue</b> Ibtihaj Muhammad, S K Ali and Hatem Aly
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Storm Whale</b> Benji Davies		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Classroom Cat</b> Pamela Butchart and Becca Moor
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>You Must Bring A Hat</b> Simon Philip and Kate Hindley		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Most Important Animal of All</b> Penny Worms and Hannah Bailey
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Invisible</b> Tom Percival		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dear Earth</b> Isabel Otter and Clara Anganuzzi
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Perfectly Peculiar Pets</b> Elli Woollard and Anja Boretzki		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A Bear's Guide to Beekeeping</b> Pip Cornell and Alex G Griffiths
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Meet the Twitches</b> Hayley Scott and Pippa Curnick		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>All Through the Night</b> Polly Faber and Harriet Hobday
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unicorn Muddle</b> Hannah Shaw		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Big City Atlas</b> Maggie Li
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Meet the Microbes!</b> Emily Grossman and Maggie Li		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Into The Forest</b> Anthony Browne
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Counting on Katherine</b> Helaine Becker and Dow Phumiruk		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Atlas of Animal Adventures</b> Rachel Williams, Rachel Williams and Lucy Letherland
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>InvestiGators</b> John Patrick Green		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marge in Charge</b> Isla Fisher
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inside The Villains</b> Clotilde Perrin		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>An Emotional Menagerie</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nellie Choc-Ice, Penguin Explorer</b> Jeremy Strong and Jamie Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Life Savers</b> Eryl Nash and Ana Albero

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