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Dear parents/carers and children,

Year 2 Curriculum letter – Spring 1

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas time together and are looking forward to a fresh new start in Year 2.

Our Core Values

Happiness: We spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: We care and are kind to all.

Respect: We treat others as we would like to be treated.

Teamwork: We work well with everyone.

Year 2 Staff

Birch class teacher: Mrs. L. Kerse

Elder class teacher: Mrs C. Atkinson

Learning support assistants: Mrs. N. Blake and Miss. R. Perez

PPA teachers: Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Hassell

Communication

Please feel free to contact class teachers directly on our class email accounts and we will aim to reply as soon as possible.

birchclass@harefieldinfant.com

elderclass@harefieldinfant.com

Please check emails regularly for any important information from the school.

Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed out to parents every **Monday**.

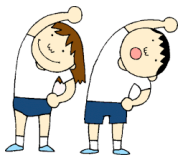
Spelling packs will be given for each half term. Spelling checks take place each **Monday**.

Children in Year 2 are responsible for changing their own reading books when required.

Please ensure reading and sharing books is happening **every day**.

Please ensure that children have bookbags and water bottles every day.

Important information – P.E



Birch class – Indoor P.E – Wednesday

Outdoor P.E – Monday

Elder class – Indoor P.E – Thursday

Outdoor P.E - Monday

Please send children to school in correct and suitable P.E kit on the day they have P.E. This includes a warm, black tracksuit and trainers at this time of year.

P.E

Year two will cover a range of activities that include sport and gymnastics. There will be two lessons a week; one **indoor** and one **outdoor**. **REMINDER:** Children must come into school dressed appropriately for PE and will remain in their PE clothes for the entire day.

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Show and Tell

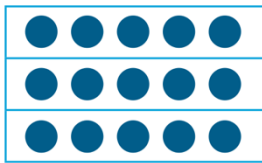
We are reintroducing show and tell on Friday afternoons. Please see class timetable to see when your child has their 5-minute show and tell presentation time. Please encourage your child to bring in something that is special to them and something they can talk about and answer questions about – not just a toy.

We look forward to hearing all about the children's special things!

In Year 2 we will be learning:

Array

Rows and columns with an equal amount in each.



$$3 \times 5 = 15$$

Maths

In maths this half term, year 2 will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Scheme.

We will be introducing children to multiplication and division.

In Year 2 children need to know their 2-, 5-, and 10-times tables confidently. Daily practise of these would support children greatly.

Children learn multiplication using equal groups and arrays and learn to divide by sharing into equal groups. Children will learn to understand that multiplication and division are the opposite of each other.

English

Year two are continuing to follow the Talk for Write approach and will learn the traditional tale, The Elves and the shoemaker. Children will learn the story map, act out the story and sequence events. The children will finish by completing a hot write; and writing their own story about a helpful creature. We will also be creating a non-chronological reports about magical creatures such as unicorns, trolls, dragons.

At this stage in Year 2, we are looking for children to be able to produce writing that makes sense, is accurate and has a wide range of interesting words. Reading a variety of books; including stories, novels, information books and comics, to and with, your child will really help their writing.



You can support your child by ensuring they know how to spell the Key Stage 1 common exception words accurately.

Reading buddies from year five will join us in class every Friday afternoon to read with their partner.

Science

Year two will be focusing on "Materials" this half term and considering why certain materials are used over others.

History

Year 2 will be looking at a range of local heroes, including Florence Nightingale, Roald Dahl and Alexander Fleming. We will be comparing the past and the present and looking at artefacts and sources for information.



R.E

Year two will start to look at Judaism with a focus on Passover. They will consider the key question: **Why do Jewish people do what God asks them to do?**

Art

We are going to use a range of materials in art, including weaving and clay.



Personal, Social and Health Education

Year two will be continuing working through the JIGSAW programme: considering their dreams and goals, including designing their dream garden space.



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Music

This half term, Year two will be working with Mrs Banks and Mrs Hassell to compose their own music inspired by stories such as myths.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions, or any work your child wishes to share, over the term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

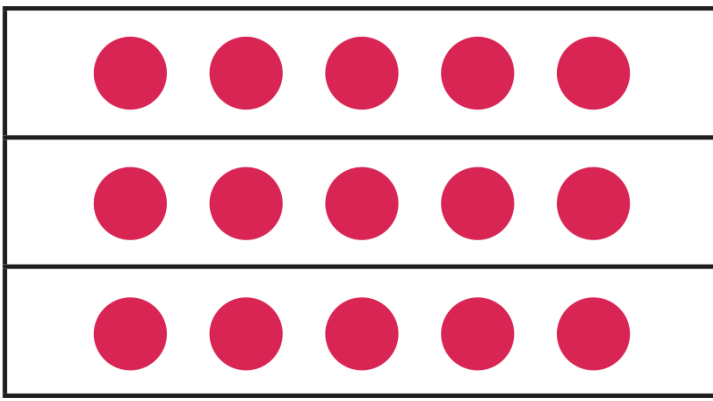
Yours faithfully, The Year 2 team – Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Kerse

Multiplication \times (times, lots of)

Strategies:

Array

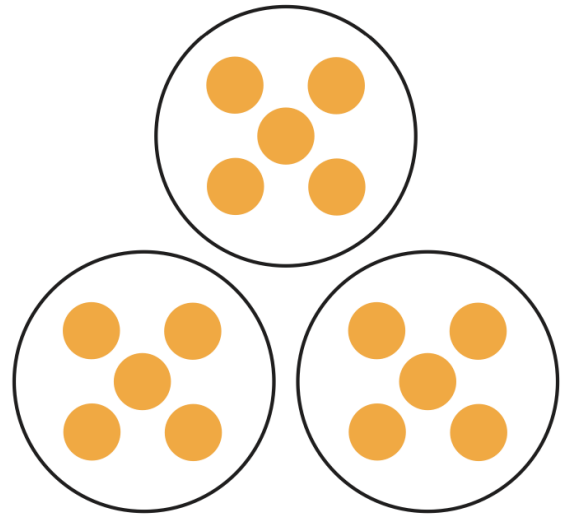
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Equal Groups

Use the same number of units in each group.



$$3 \times 5 = 15$$

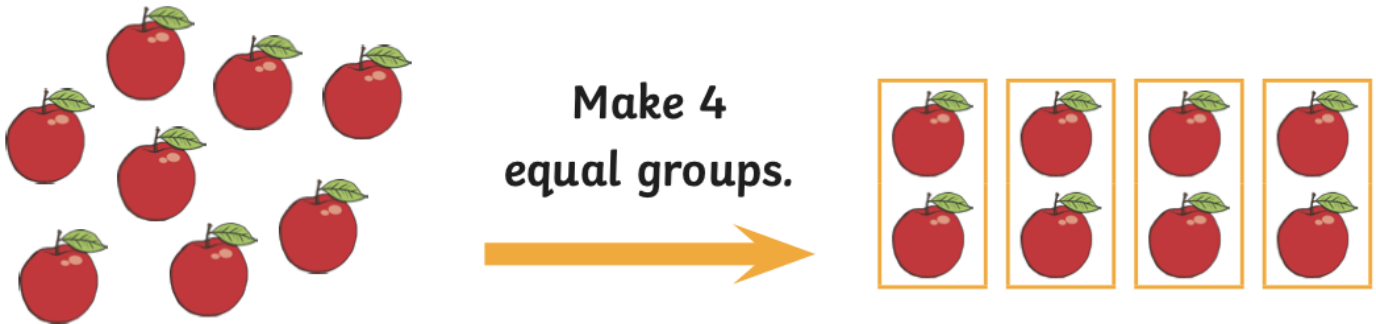
Repeated Addition

$$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

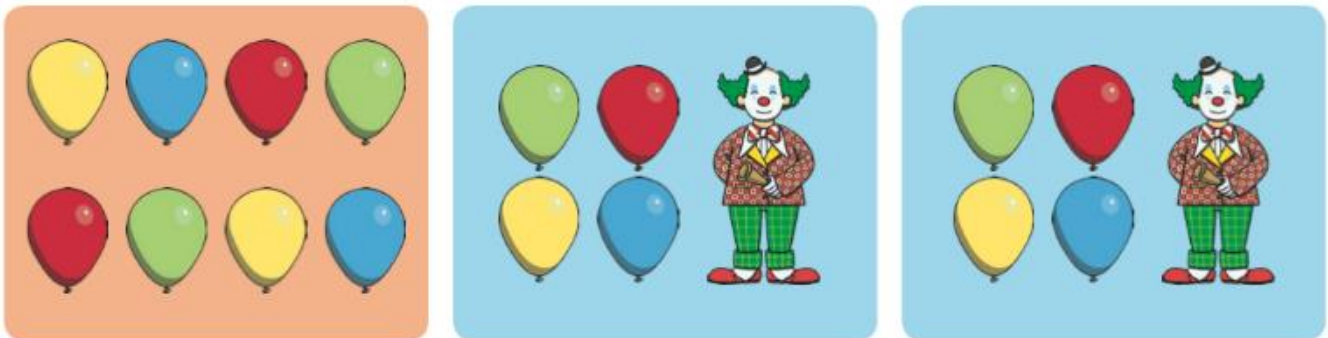
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Division \div (divide, share equally, split)

Strategies: sharing equally



If we have eight balloons to share between two clowns, how many balloons does each clown get?



$$8 \div 2 = 4$$

eight divided by two equals four