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Monday 5th September 2022

Dear Year 2 parents/carers,

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (1st half)

Message from the teachers

We are looking forward to welcoming the children to year 2. This letter will briefly outline some of the lessons that year 2 will have fun exploring through the first half of the autumn term.

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 like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 2 Staffing

Elder class teacher: Miss Faghiri

Birch class teacher: Miss Wilcox

Year 2 learning support assistants: Mrs Childs and Mrs Warne

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

Elderclass@harefieldinfant.com

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Parent partnership is very important to us, so we have planned a year 2 parent tea/coffee morning in the school hall at 9am on Tuesday 13th September where you will be able to meet the year 2 staff and talk to them about the year ahead. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

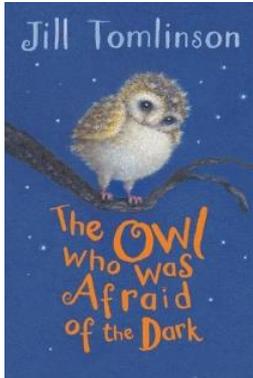
Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the Friday of the same week.

We will be starting an exciting new approach to teaching early reading and phonics called 'Read Write Inc.' this year and in a few weeks time, children will start taking home a different phonics reading book each week, linked to the sounds they are learning in school that week. We will share more information about the new phonics scheme later this month.

Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

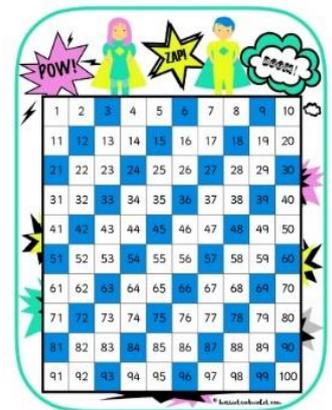


English

Year 2 will be reading 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson and use this to create their own 'Tales of Fear' where they will create a character who has to overcome an inconvenient fear of their own. Later this half term, they will use the same text to discuss information texts linked to nocturnal animals such as owls and create their own information text for their own chosen night-time creature.

Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 2 will be learning about place value and the value of numbers. They will learn to count forwards and backwards in 10s up to 100, compare numbers to see which is greater or lesser than the other and continue learning times tables by counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and introducing 3s.



Science

Year 2 will be exploring the changing world around us in science this term. In this module the children will observe animals in their habitats, how these habitats might change through different seasons and begin to understand how animals play a part in the food chain.

History

The Year 2 history unit this term is called 'Bonfire Night & The Great Fire of London'. The children will learn about the Gunpowder plot, which lead to the events of November the 5th. Following this they will use the diary of Samuel Pepys to discuss whether the Great Fire of London improved the lives of the people living there.



Art and Design

'Drawing: Tell a story' is the name of the Art unit this term, where the Year 2 children will learn about using charcoal and other tactile media to experiment with texture. They will then move on to drawing toys and characters that can be used to tell a story through art.





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Physical Education

P.E. will be taking place in Year 2 for both classes on Mondays. Elder class children will also have another PE lesson Thursdays. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. The outdoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Multi-Skills', where the children will build their coordination and agility skills by practising different types of balances, and moving through obstacles. The indoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Boot-Camp' and is built on a range of circuit exercises to get the children moving and develop their fitness levels.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Thursday afternoon for Birch Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

Religious Education

Year 2 will be learning about the 'Nature of God' in R.E. this term. Children will learn the Christian Creation story, about the importance of harvest to some Christians and Jews by learning about harvest festivals and Sukkot. Children then go on to hear stories from Buddhism and Islam which highlight the importance of looking after nature.

Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Tuesday to teach Year 2 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the Djembe drums.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

The P.S.H.E unit 'Being Me' the children will discuss their hopes and fears for the future, continue to learn about the rights and responsibilities that they can expect and reflect on how the choices they make has an impact on the people around them. The unit will finish with the children collectively making a learning charter that helps everyone in Year 2 to feel safe and valued.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Ms Faghiri and Ms Wilcox
Year 2 teachers