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Dear Year 2 parents/carers,

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (1st half)

Message from the teachers

Welcome to year 2. This letter will briefly outline some of the topics 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 Troup

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

Birchclass@harefieldinfant.com

Homework

Each child will receive a printed copy of the homework every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the following Friday.

We use the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every Monday your child will be given a phonics book to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on Friday of the same week.

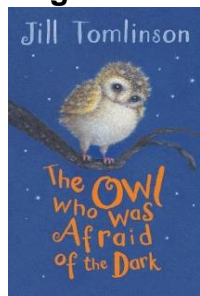
Library

Each Wednesday, both classes will visit the school library and borrow a book to read at home. Please ensure your child returns this book to school by the following Wednesday.

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.

Mo and Kim are counting backwards from 100



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.

What numbers will they both say?
What do you notice?

Science

Here is a whale and a horse.



- What is the same about these mammals?
What is different?
- What **four** things do both these mammals need to survive?

The Year 2 science unit this term is called 'Animal needs for survival /Humans'. They will learn about different animal groups such as mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. Children will look at the basic needs for survival in humans. In this module, the children will also explore similarities and differences between humans and similarities and differences between animal groups.

Geography

The Year 2 geography unit this term is called 'What a Wonderful World'. The children will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and children's own locality. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents to build on their map skills using atlases, world maps along with using photographs to recognise human and physical features including landmarks.



Computing

The year 2 computing unit this term is called 'Technology Around Us'. Children begin by learning about a range of technology in familiar settings, such as school and the home, before being introduced to technology in the wider world. Children will also consider safety implications of using information technology, linking to online safety.



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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.

Physical Education

P.E. will be taking place in Year 2 for both classes on **Tuesdays**. **Elder** class children will also have another PE lesson on **Mondays**. 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: Throwing and Catching. Children will be learning how to roll and stop a ball. In the second half of the unit, children focus on catching objects, both independently and with a partner, and learn the skill of bouncing and catching a ball. The indoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Landscapes and Cityscapes'. Children will learn to roll in different ways. The unit is linked to the Landscapes and Cityscapes topic and encourages children to think how they might make shapes with their bodies that express different landscapes and buildings.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each **Monday** 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. Please ensure your child brings their Forests school clothing in to school in a bag on Mondays.

Religious Education

Year 2 will be learning about the 'Rules and Routines' in R.E. this term. In this unit children will learn about why we have rules and routines and how they help us in our everyday lives. Children then go on to learn about rules and routines from the viewpoint of different religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. Towards the end of the unit, children are introduced to humanism and the beliefs of humanists.

Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Wednesday 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 in My World' 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 Troup
Year 2 teachers