

Year 2 News



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School

September 2021

Handa's Surprise

Within our theme, we will be looking at the book 'Handa's Surprise'. This will link with different areas of the curriculum, including science, geography, art and music. Our work will include retelling the story using descriptive language and correct punctuation such as full stops and question marks.



A huge welcome to our new Year 2 children — everyone is settling in well to the new school year and we are very excited about the year ahead.

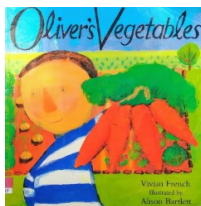
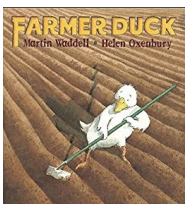
The teachers working in Year 2 this year are: Miss Serrano, Mr Coles, Mrs Findler and Mrs Peverelle. The support staff are: Mrs Jolley, Mrs Boltruszko and Mrs Windle.

Our theme this half term is '**Food, Glorious Food!**' where we will be looking at healthy eating and lifestyles.

English

In English, alongside our Read Write Inc. phonics and reading lessons, we will be looking at the following stories: 'Farmer Duck' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'.

We will focus on noun and verbs in simple sentences and introduce adjectives for description. We will also focus on the word 'chronological', using time conjunctions to help us to sequence events.



Our work will include retelling these stories using descriptive language and choosing interesting a range of verbs for effect.

Our grammar focus will also link to this work, focusing on using past tense correctly, identifying verbs, nouns and adjectives and introducing compound sentences using the conjunctions and, but, or and so.

Spellings



Each week, your child will have 6 spelling words to practise at home for a test each week.

Geography

This half term we are having a geography focus looking at the physical (natural) and human (man-made) features locally and globally. We will then use our knowledge of these features to compare the UK to the country of Nigeria in Africa, looking at the similarities and differences between the two.



Science

Our science work will have a biology focus, looking at food and ourselves. This will include how food and water can keep us healthy, as well as understanding food groups and what each food group does for our bodies. In addition to this, there will be a focus on the importance of exercise and good hygiene to keep us healthy by keeping clean and brushing our teeth regularly.



Dojos

Class Dojo is a fun way to reward children's use of the Westways Learning Powers. A weekly certificate and prize will be awarded to the pupil with the most Dojos from each class.

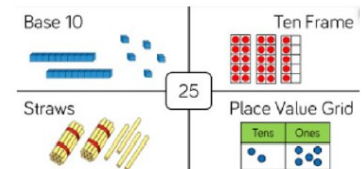


Home Learning

In Year 2 we provide different forms of home learning. The home learning grids will include different activities linked to our current theme. We will also provide a range of work booklets and spellings. In addition, each child will get a login for My Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Maths

This half term we are focusing on place value, which will involve: representing numbers in different ways; counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10; ordering and comparing numbers to 100; and solving related problems. As the term goes on, we will move onto addition and subtraction.



Art

In art, we are focusing on the use of colour and pattern using different media to explore this. We will also be looking at traditional African Ndebele art and the art work by the artist Esther Mahlangu.



PE

Our Specialist PE and Sport teacher Mr Millns will take all Year 2 classes for at least one lesson per week. This half term we will be taking part in Athletics, looking at several running, jumping and throwing events allowing for both lots of practise and some fun competitions.

PE days for Year 2 are as follows:

Y2C: Mondays & Tuesdays

Y2S: Mondays & Wednesdays

Y2FP: Mondays & Thursdays

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). Wherever possible, lessons will take place outdoors so please ensure children are dressed appropriately in warm clothing. During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.