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Autumn 1 Newsletter - Year 2

Dear Year 2 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to begin the Autumn term of Year 2! Each half term, we will send a newsletter outlining our key learning of the term.

Maths

Please see our overview and coverage for maths for the whole Autumn term. We will be attaching the workbooks if you would like to complete with your children and the end of a unit to consolidate their learning.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value VIEW				Number Addition and subtraction VIEW				Geometry Shape VIEW			

Mastering Number

In addition to our daily maths lessons, children will have short, discrete fluency sessions that will help build children's number sense and automatic recall of number facts.

Literacy

In literacy, we are using Aaron Becker's *The Last Zookeeper* as part of a whole school writing focus. This is a beautifully illustrated story with some very important topics lying within. We are beginning our writing projects next week based on this book, including instructional, descriptive and first-person recount pieces. As well as using writing to support our engagement with *The Last Zookeeper*, we will be creating some art pieces alongside including a stormy sea scene and some observational drawing.

In addition to their reading practise in the classroom, we encourage you to read stories to your child regularly, and have a healthy reading culture at home, to promote the love of reading!

Home Learning

We will be sending home children's TTRS log in and setting times tables. In Year 2 they will be securing their knowledge of the 2, 5, 10, and 3 times tables.

Science

In science this term, we will be learning about animals including humans. This will focus on what animals need to survive, as well as the life cycles of different animals. We have begun our learning discussing and comparing different animal groups and their babies.

DT

In DT, we will be learning about balanced diets, culminating in designing and making a healthy snack. We are hoping to include conversations about this throughout the day, exploring how we feel before and after eating and why that might be.

RE

Our RE topic for this term is Hinduism, with a focus on Diwali. Children will learn not only about the key values of Hinduism and how Hindus enact these in their daily lives, but also their God and their different roles and responsibilities.

Geography

In geography this term we will be learning about oceans and continents. Children will explore the key features of each continent, including how the climates may vary between them.

PSHE

Our topic for this term is relationships, with a focus on friendships. We have already discussed what makes a good friend and will discuss how to welcome someone new, as well as how to resolve conflicts.

Spanish

This term in Spanish, we have begun our learning by refreshing some of the key topics of language from last year, including numbers, days of the week and colours. We will soon be moving on to practising our Spanish greetings, this includes learning different ways to greet people, as well as using these greetings in conversation in our classrooms.

PE

Our PE topics this term will be 'Dodging' where children will be working on their balance different footwork skills. and 'Creating a Game' where children will learn to adapt their learning to meet the needs of their team. On your child's PE days, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for exercise.

Mr Vousden– Wednesdays and Fridays

Miss Fay- Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please expect your child to bring home a reading diary next week. We know you will be in a good routine from year 1, however please remember to return your reading diary and book each Thursday. The reading diary will also contain TTRS and Numbot's passwords.

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All the best to you and your families,

Miss Fay and Mr Vousden