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Dear Year 2 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to begin the second half of the Autumn term of Year 2! Here's what we will be learning about...

Upcoming Events

Here are some important dates for your diaries:

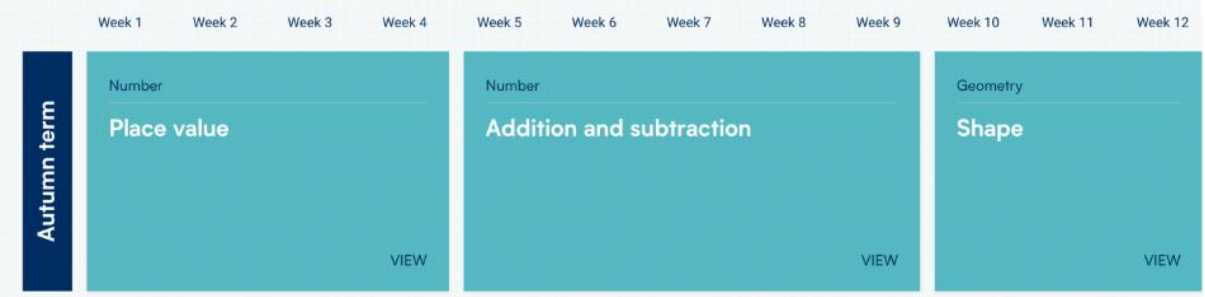
Monday 23rd November – Mr Clayton's class will visit Christ Church in East Greenwich to participate in a workshop about the Christmas story. A separate letter will be sent with details about this trip.

Wednesday 25th November – Miss Mancey's class will visit Christ Church in East Greenwich to participate in a workshop about the Christmas story. A separate letter will be sent with details about this trip.

Tuesday 15th December – we will be performing our Christmas show. Details will be shared in due course, regarding the songs will are performing and any dressing-up requirements.

Maths

See below, our overview and coverage for Maths for the whole Autumn term. We are currently in the middle of addition and subtraction and will move on to geometry closer to Christmas. We will be attaching the workbooks if you would like to complete with your children to consolidate their learning.



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Mastering Number

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

Home Learning

We have sent the children's Numbots and Times Tables Rock Star logins home. In Year 2 they will be securing their knowledge of the 2, 5, 10, and 3 times tables so please do encourage your children to practise these.



Literacy

We began this half-term writing our own stories featuring Paddington Bear. These were full of funny ideas about the trouble Paddington gets into, but we continue to focus on the accuracy of our writing: editing our own sentences to ensure careful spelling, and the proper use of capital letters and full stops. For the rest of the half-term we will be writing recipes for an amazing school, linked to Anti-Bullying Week. We will also be writing a diary entry based on ' There's a Tiger in the Garden'.

In the build-up to Christmas, our writing centres on some favourite seasonal characters, like the Grinch, Robin Robin and Santa (of course!). We will be writing a character description, a film review, and a Christmas story, respectively.

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Reading/Spellings

Up to this point we have been consolidating our phonics knowledge. From this point we are now transitioning to the teaching of spelling; understanding syllables and sound buttons which will help the children spell more accurately. We will email a list of 'tricky word' spellings each week so that the children can repeatedly and meaningfully practice both at school and home.

We will continue to send children home with a practise book to read which is appropriate to their level. **Please remember to send your children back with their books every Thursday so that we can swap them for home time on Friday.**

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

Wider Curriculum

In Science, children will continue to learn all about animals (including humans!). Last week we learned about the needs of a baby. We will go on to explore what makes a balanced diet and why it is important to eat healthily. Later this half-term, we will be learning all about hygiene and why it is important to stay hygienic.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism, this time focusing on worship. In Spanish, the children are going to be learning numbers 1-10. In Computing, we will be continuing to focus on coding and will be using Lego Spike.

In Geography, children will be learning about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. We will also be revisiting their prior Year 1 learning and talking about the country and city in which we live. In PSHE, we are linking this to our upcoming anti-bullying week we will be focusing on positive relationships at school and how we can show respect to others.

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PE

This term in PE, we will be honing our ball skills with a focus on basketball. For indoor PE, we will be focussing on our class dances for the upcoming Christmas show. Both classes have PE on Wednesdays, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for exercise.

PPA

On a Monday morning, Vicky Heath and our music teacher, Miss Porter-Gillespie ('Miss PG') will be covering our time out of class.

Communication

Any questions or concerns, please contact the office by phone or email and they will pass on any communication to us so that we can get in touch.

Thank you,

Mr Clayton and Miss Mancey

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