



Welcome back to Year 2!

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and welcome to Mrs Berry who will be teaching the class for the next 4 weeks. We have lots of exciting learning coming up as well as the class trip in January 14th.

English

Amazing Birds

We will begin with non fiction - we will how to write non fiction text as well as gaining lots of knowledge about birds which will later inform our fiction writing where birds are the main character

Cursive handwriting with leading lines in and out:

Revise: b h k m p r v w x z

Learn: diagonal and horizontal joins

Maths

Our units this half term are: Place Value; Mass, Volume & capacity; Addition & Subtraction; Money; Multiplication & Division

The children will continue to learn telling the time alongside this



Science

Why is that material useful?

We will look at identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials, find out that some solids can change shape and know that some materials are found naturally.

Geography

What is it like for children in India compared to here?

Following on from our History unit where we were introduced to Ghandi we will look at modern India and compare life there to live in the UK.

Computing

Programming

Robot algorithms



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Structures

We will look at ways of strengthening materials, making structures more stable and look at different ways of joining for strength. Tying in with our Fairy Tale unit the **purpose** of this research and testing into making a strong and stable chair for the 3 bears.

(please notes that due to the booking of the Lowry trip this unit was completed last half term and swapped with the Art unit – See Autumn 2)

PE

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on kicking skills and games and dance.

MFL

We will look at informally introducing basic Spanish language such as numbers, greetings and colours for a modern foreign language.

RE

How do we respond to the things that really matter?

Christianity: Church

What unites the Christian community?

PSHE

Year 2 will be completing the Appreciate unit from Happy Minds –as well as some of the Relationship unit.

We will also be looking at basic first aid.

Music

Baby you're a firework

Pop music

Reminders

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles. We have a lot of lost property collecting!

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on **Monday** mornings. They should **come to school in their uniform** as normal and they will change in PE kits at school. These can be left in school for the half term. This half term's focus will be games and gymnastics.

Outdoor Learning – We will continue to complete outdoor learning through ongoing science. Wellies might be useful to have in school. Please make sure children always have weather appropriate clothing.

Class Novel – Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in book that we will be reading each half term. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.

Reading books – reading books will now be changed on Monday and Thursday. It is still important that reading books are sent with the children everyday so children can read with an adult in school.

Trips and visit

Lowry 360 with workshop – 14th January. Wear uniform and if bringing a packed lunch please provide this in a disposable bag including disposable drink. Thank you.

Communication

Miss Vaughan will be on the door to greet children and families in the morning and after school. For any additional contact please use the email staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. This includes listening to them read as well as asking questions. Reading pack will be collected in at the start of everyday so that staff can listen to children reading in school and change books as regularly as needed.



Homework

A homework menu and spelling list will be sent home each half-term. These can also be found on the class webpage.

There will be a spelling test on **Monday**.

Homework books will be given to children to complete tasks in and can be shared with the rest of the class during the week to encourage oracy skills, celebrate achievements and be acknowledge. Please note that they will be no additional acknowledgement in the form of marking.