

### Welcome to Year 2!

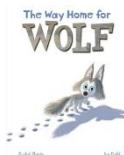
I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. I'm really excited to be joining Year 2 this year. There will be lots of information such as the Yearly Overview, Newsletters and Homework added to the class webpage regularly updated with photos from the school day. The first week of this term will be a settling in week with time to transition from Year 1 and the holidays. Formal learning will be reduced to smaller activities such as times tables and spellings building up to a full English and Maths lessons in the second week.

### English

To begin Year 2, we will be reading *The Way Home for Wolf* as part of our English unit. This will prompt our reading and writing for this half-term, working towards writing our own story with an animal character that the children have carefully researched. We will also be using this research about our chosen animal to form an information page all about their habitat.

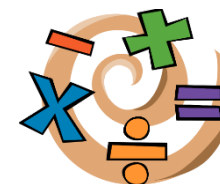
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### Maths

We will begin this half term looking at number, place value, addition and subtraction. Following that, we will explore different measurements and apply our knowledge of shape (2D and 3D), length, volume and capacity.



### Science

How can animals survive?

Looking at our local area we will be finding out what animals live in and around where we live and how they look after themselves and what we can do to help.

### Geography

What's it like where I live now?

We will be looking at the local area and undertaking some fieldwork to gain an understanding of what our local area is like now. This is done prior to our History unit next term – What Preston was like.

### Computing

Computing systems and networks

### Art

Sculpture

Looking at the balloon animal artwork by Jeff Koons we will explore making our own balloon animals and using medium such as paper mache to turn them into models.



### PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on games and gymnastics.

### MFL

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

### RE

This half-term's focus is Christianity: how do we respond to the things that really matter and does the way we treat the world matter? We will retell the Christian creation story and discuss ways that we can look after our planet.

### PSHE

Year 2 will be exploring what their brain looks like, how our brain works and how we can look after it, such as using *Happy Breathing*. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school, such as friendship problems and bullying.

### Music

Music will be taught in line with our whole-school curriculum. This half-term, children will continue developing their skills in singing, listening and performing through a range of class-based activities

## Reminders

**Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles.

**PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on **Wednesday** 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 be doing some outdoor learning throughout the week, so the children should wear suitable clothes for being outdoors (remember to check the weather forecast). We try to give the children outside playtimes in a range of weathers but, as the year goes on, the temperature (and overall weather) will be more variable.

**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.

### **Dates for the diary**

**Meet the teacher:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 3:20 & 3:50

**Parents Evening:** See the weekly newsletter

### **Trips and visit**

We are hoping to do two trips this year. The first will take place in the Autumn Term and will be based around the cotton industry and mills. The second will be in the Summer Term hopefully combining a farm and coastal trip.

### **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](mailto: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 Wednesday mornings.

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.