



Welcome to Autumn 1.

A huge hello and welcome to our brilliant new year 2 children and to parents and carers! The children have come back to school beautifully and settled into Year 2 life! It is great to see their happy, smiley faces as they walk through the door. We have had a lovely first week back already where we have looked at our ethos— Together we can; Learn, Laugh, Dream and Grow and did some lovely activities around what each of these mean. It was also great to start the year of with climbing and caving - we were so proud of them all!

Reading

This half term we are reading 'Rainbow Grey'. We will read a bit of it each week and practise our predicting, inference and retrieval skills. This books will be available to borrow after we have finished!



Maths

In maths this half term we will be looking at securing fluency to 20, understanding place value, representing amounts in different ways, counting on and back in ones and tens and some mental addition.

Writing

For the first week of writing we looked at the third and final book of the trilogy, The Return. Which they first read in Year 1. The children enjoyed seeing how the story ended and loved the surprise secret ending about the father's secret black door.



After that we are going to use a lovely video from Literacy Shed which has the same theme as the Return trilogy. Once we have watched the video we will write setting descriptions and start to think about how stories are written.

For the last three weeks we will be looking at 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and looking at how to write a letter as one of the crayons. Later we will find some items around the classroom that have quit and will write a letter to our teachers.





Science - We will be learning about everyday materials and how they can squash, bend, twist and stretch. We will then classify materials based on this and perform some simple tests.

RE - In RE this half term we will be looking at Hinduism and learning all about the three main deities; Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Art - We will be learning all about tonal value and what happens to a colour when we add grey to it. We will experiment with tonal value, different brush strokes and then create our own piece of art in the style of a famous artist.

History - This half term we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and the important influence they made to nursing during the Crimea War.

RHE - We will discuss our Rights and Responsibilities as members of our school, talk about treating others with mutual respect and about positive relationships with people.

Music - In Music we will recognise the difference between pulse and rhythm, create an accompaniment using un-tuned instruments and perform what we have created.

PE - Over the next few weeks we will be working on our kicking skills through football and our different movements through Dance.

Home Learning

A letter will come home shortly detailing home learning in Year 2 and a new login for Google classroom. Please look out for these and any questions, please come and see your class teacher.

PE Days

PE for Year 2 will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for each class. Please make sure children wear the correct PE uniform.

Reading folders

Reading folders will hopefully have come home with your child on Friday with two books. A black and white copy of the coloured stage book they have read during school and a book bag book that goes along side the black and white paper copy. Please remember to bring these in daily so we can read with your children during STAR time. We would love it if you could read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record. If you have any questions or queries about their book, please do come and speak to your class teacher or Mrs Allen (in Cherry class) as I am the Reading Leader at Livingstone Road.

