



Livingstone Road Year 2- Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 2.



Welcome back to school and welcome to year 2! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We cannot wait for all of the exciting learning opportunities that this half term will bring.

We will be spending some time introducing ourselves and learning lots more about each other. We will be sharing more about our school values and what makes you a unique and special member of our class.

Our Year 2 team:

Oak - Miss March and Ms Jones

Pine - Miss Whitford (Monday to Thursday), Mr Hopkins (Friday) and Mrs Wilton-Patrick

English - Writing & Reading



In Reading this half term we will be starting off exploring a book called Rainbow Grey, a magical story from best-selling author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson!

Ten-year-old Ray Grey lives in the magical Weatherlands, high in the sky. Ray is surrounded by Weatherlings with astounding weather power at their fingertips . . . but she doesn't have ANY magic!

Then, after a trip to Earth, Ray's life changes forever. She is transformed from Ray Grey into RAINBOW GREY! With the help of her best friends (and exploding cloud cat, Nim) now all Ray has to do is master her powers AND save the world from a mysterious, powerful enemy . . .

We will be using this story and others to inspire our writing of a short narrative.

Maths

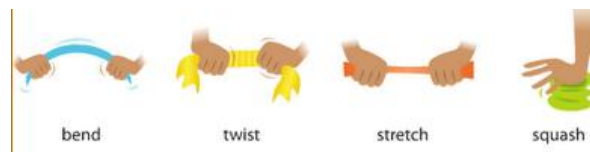


We will begin the year by really getting to grips with number, number bonds and place value up to 100 before moving on to apply this knowledge adding and subtracting.

We take part in a daily Number Sense sessions to support fluency in maths. Number Sense helps the children to learn key number facts that they can apply to all areas of maths.



Science



Our Science topic this half term will be focused on materials. We will be investigating the effects of squashing, bending, twisting and stretching some objects and looking how we can use this knowledge to solve a problem.

Humanities - Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole - significant figures.



We will be doing History this half term. the children will be learning about the events and legacy of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They will compare their lives and contributions and decide who they think had the biggest impact on society.

Religious Education

We will be learning about Hinduism. The children will be learning about the three main deities - Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva who create, preserve and destroy the universe.

Relationships and Health Education



In RHE we will be exploring living in the wider world around us. We will be focusing on our rights and responsibilities in school, as well as the how to treat others, animals and plants with kindness and respect.

Each half term we will focus on different areas of the Safety curriculum. We will be learning about how to stay when travelling to school on foot and in a car.

Art



In Art this half term we will be learning what tonal value is and how Kandinsky used it in his work. We will be experimenting with different colours and brushes to create different effects.

Physical Education



In PE this half term we will be exploring fundamental skills, such as balance, stability and coordination. Within this we will be exploring hopping, skipping and moving at speed safely. As well as this, we will be developing our team building skills and learning to communicate effectively to solve problems.

Year 2 PE days are:

- Monday
- Wednesday

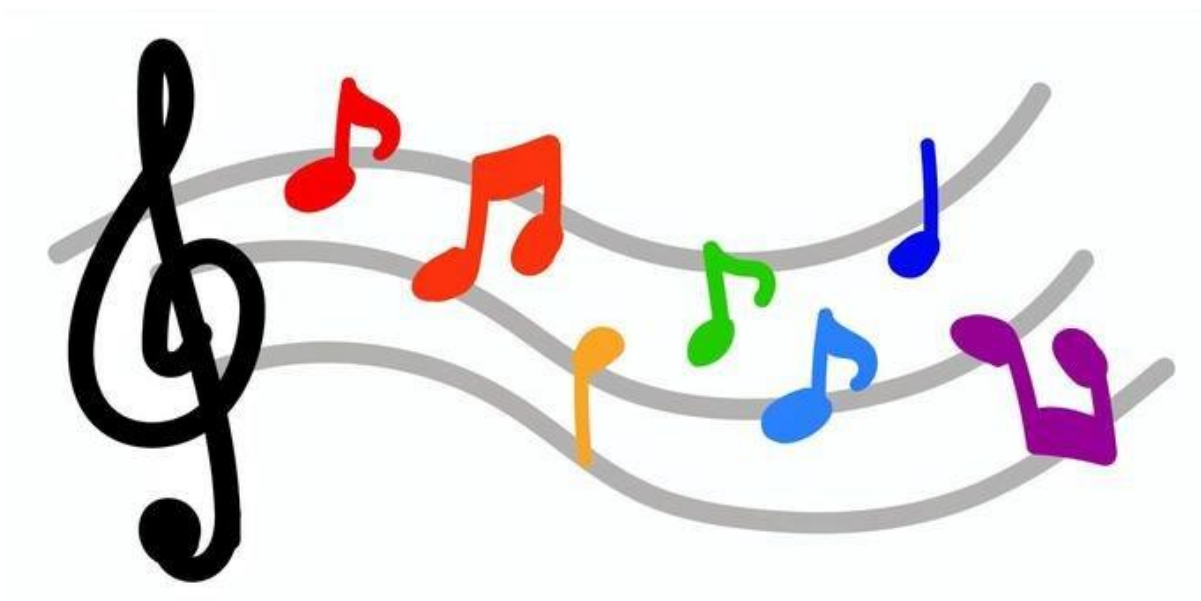
Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for these sessions so they can get the most out of their learning. We be taking water bottles to each session to remind the children to stay hydrated.

Computing



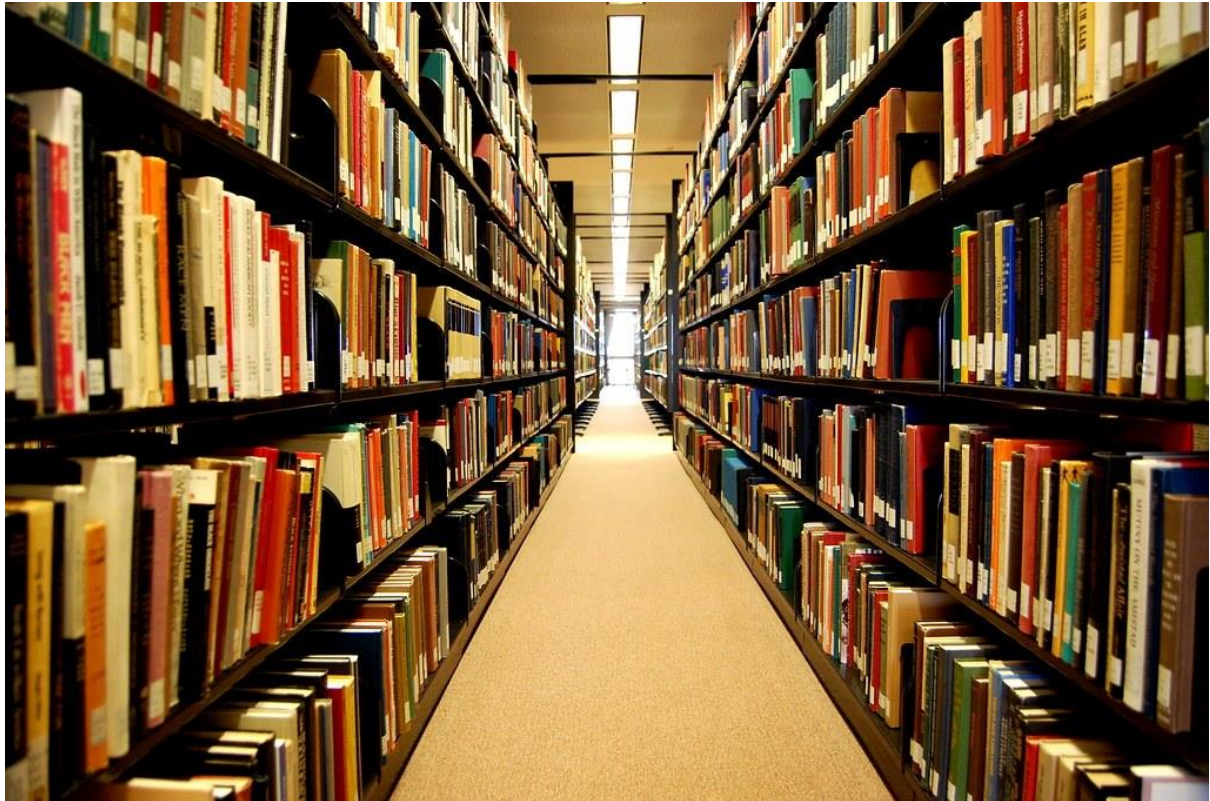
In our Computing lessons we will be learning about technology in school and the wider world. We will be exploring the ways technology can help us in our everyday lives.

Music



We will be learning how to sing effectively. We will be learning why it is important to warm up our voices and learning the lyrics to a song before building in some instrumental percussion.

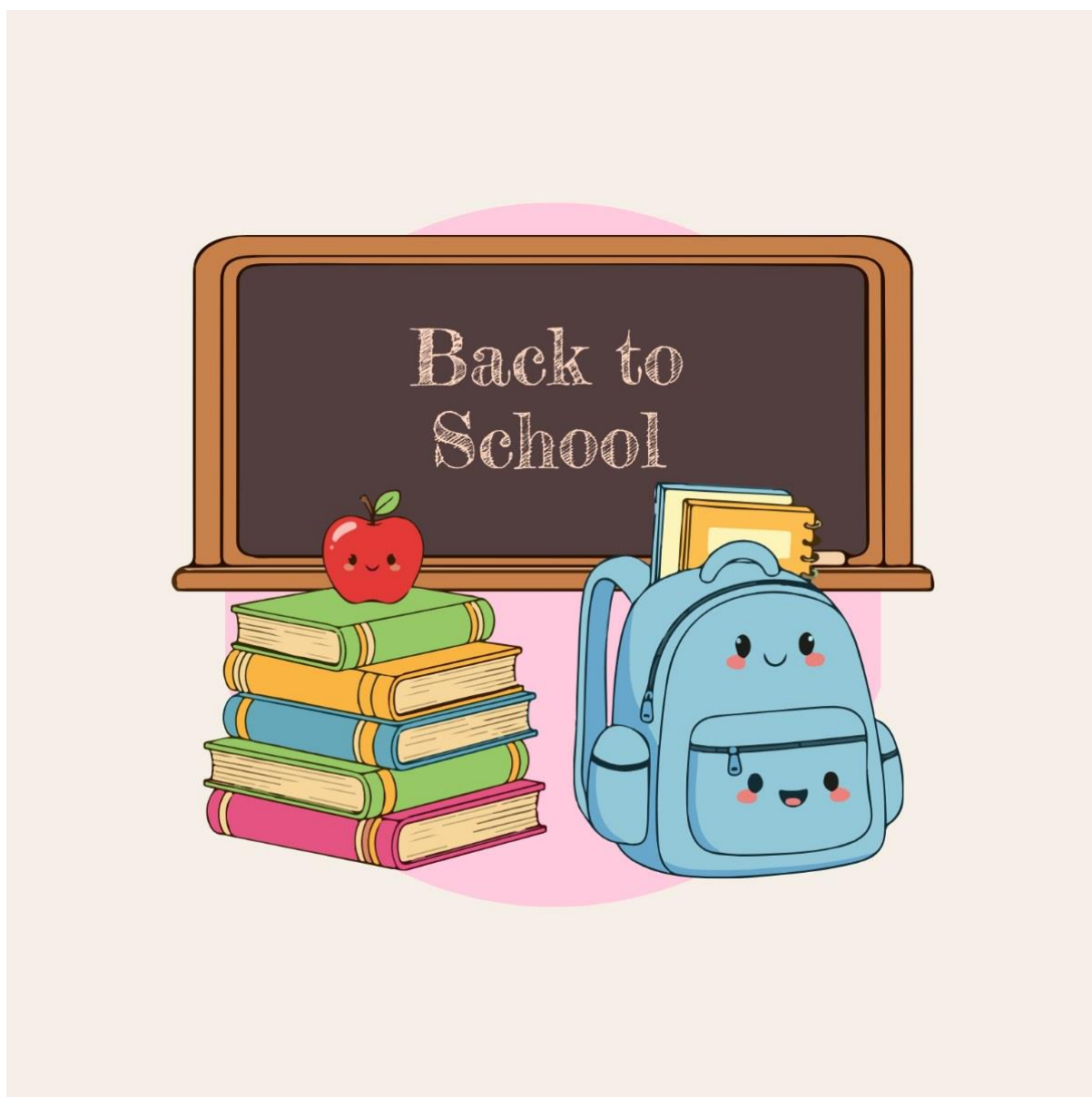
Home Learning



Reading

We expect the children to be reading three times a week at home. This works alongside our daily phonics sessions and reading in class. Weekly reading will be checked every Wednesday, and we will share the percentage of children who have read three times or more in our Celebration Assembly each Friday. We cannot wait to find out who will win the reading cup next!

Important information



Reading folders will be used everyday so please ensure that your child brings it into school.

Please ensure that all of your child's belonging are clearly named so that we can return any lost belongings quickly.

Water bottles will be needed each day and the children will be able to refill them during key moments of the school day.