

# Year 2 Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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Believe in world of  
possibilities

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> sept 2.45pm onwards- Open doors Come and visit the classroom.
- ◆ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 9-10am or 3-4pm - Parent information session - Expectations for Year 2
- ◆ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept- walk to Allington Hill (pm)
- ◆ Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2.15pm/Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.10am Yr 1 and 2 Poetry Performance
- ◆ Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October is HALF TERM.

## Year 2's Learning News

**Welcome back....** We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday, making the most of the sunny weather and have come back feeling eager and excited about being in Year 2 and the new term of learning that lies ahead.

**HEADLINE NEWS...** We have already seen how motivated, curious and imaginative the children can be after we discovered a small painted toadstool in the KS1 playground. The children also found a tiny bottle, which after lots of discussion, they believe belong to some sort of fairy or pixie that may have been living in our school grounds over the summer. We plan to keep a close eye on this area and see what else we can discover in the coming weeks.

### Being me in my world

As part of our Jigsaw lessons this term the children will be thinking about themselves and how they interact with each other. They will be drawing up their own class learning charter and considering ways in which they can develop good learning behaviour and become successful, independent learners.

## What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Reading...Decoding (working out) new words using different reading strategies, continuing to develop rapid recall of all the phonemes learnt in Year 1 and their alternate spellings.**

Learning Top Tip - Phonics knowledge and recall of sounds are essential when learning to decode and blend new words. **Enjoy stories! Challenge yourself to read a variety of books both at school and at home.**

### Writing...Recounts and story openings

Learning Top Tip -Try to recall what you did at the weekend and put those ideas into sentences by telling someone you know. Plan it, say it, then have a go at writing it down. Try making up and writing your own stories that start in different ways.

**Spelling.... Revision of common exception words from last year and new common exception words from Year 2.**

Learning Top Tip - Check you can still recall how to spell all Y1 words correctly and begin to practise words from the Year 2 list.

**Maths....Number, estimating and counting in 10s, 2s and 5s ordering numbers and understanding place value. Recalling number facts to 10 and 20 using both addition and subtraction.**

Learning Top Tip -Think of ways you can use maths to help in everyday situations. Practise counting forwards and backwards in 10s, 2s and 5s - you could try to add actions like star jumps, twists or other moves as you count so you exercise at the same time.

Look what we found in our playground.



We think it is a habitat for a fairy!



Here are Allington A investigating closer.

We will be watching the habitat over the next few weeks to see what happens...

## What we will be learning...

Science - Habitats-identifying different homes and the creatures that live there.

DT- Sewing - Designing and making a fairy blanket. **Any volunteers willing to help on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm please let us know.**

RE-Christianity - Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?

Computing - We are photographers

PSHCE/Jigsaw -Being Me in My World.

Music- learning new songs and performing them

PE - Ball skills on a Wednesday outside and swimming on a Friday morning.

**It is crucial for your child's health & wellbeing that they participate in all PE activities. Please ensure they have their PE kit in school and remember their swimming kit each week.**

## What are you looking forward to about being in Year 2?

The children in Year 2 are looking forward to getting to know their teachers and TLAs, and taking part in new and exciting learning opportunities. They are curious to learn more about the creatures that have made their home in our KS1 playground. Both classes are also excited about swimming on a Friday.

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

### Resilience

We are learning to understand that when we make a mistake - this shows we are learning!

"If we make a mistake we can try to do it again,"



Mr Muddle reminds us that it is ok to make mistakes.

This year we are also thinking about how we can show our school values and 6Rs every day.

## Home Learning ideas...

Mrs Dyke suggests you could look in your garden at the different habitats and creatures living there. Maybe try to take photos or draw a picture of one of the habitats you have found.

Mrs Le Gassick thinks it would be great if you could practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. If you want an extra challenge, think about learning your 2, 5 and 10 times tables!

Mrs Darby and Mrs Harrison are looking forward to rewarding children with Rita (our reading rabbit) stickers for reading at least 4 times a week.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

## School Council News and Views...

Hello everyone. Our names are Jasper and Bethany and we are the Year 2 School Councillors. We are very excited about our new role and wanted to introduce ourselves and explain what we do. We represent our class at the regular School Council meetings with Mrs Taylor and Miss Tuck. We let the staff and governors know what we think will help the school to improve, as well as working to make this happen! Encourage your children to tell us their views!