

# Year 2 Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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Believe in world of  
possibilities

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept (9-10am) and Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept (3-4pm) Parent session 'Expectations for Year 2'
- ◆ Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct pm Walk to Allington Hill
- ◆ Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Hello Yellow day- more details to follow
- ◆ Wed 17<sup>th</sup> /Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Yr 1 and 2 Poetry Performance- Letter to follow
- ◆ Week commencing 22<sup>nd</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 amongst the hedges in the playground. After lots of excited discussion, the children believe it could be the habitat of 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, as well as continuing to develop rapid recall of 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, poetry and instructions**

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 these as a recount. Try reading and reciting poems. You could even try to write your own poems. Remember poems do not have to rhyme.

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

Learning Top Tip - Revisit and learn how to read and spell all Y1 common exception words correctly then begin to practise words from the Year 2 list. Use techniques like look, cover, write, check to help you.

**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 -Practise counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 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 are now recounting the events leading up to our discovery. Ask your children to recite our Talk for Writing text map.

## What we will be learning...

**Science** - Habitats-identifying different homes and the creatures that live there and why they are suited to these habitats.

**DT**- Sewing - Designing and making a fairy blanket. **Any volunteers willing to help on a Thursday afternoon from 1:15pm please let us know.**

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

**Computing** - Being photographers.

**PSHCE/Jigsaw** -Being Me in My World.

**Music**- We will be exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch and learning new songs.

**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.

## 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. You can bring in any work to display on our interest table.

Miss Bowles thinks it would be great to have a go at writing your own fairy adventure story or poem. You could add pictures too and bring it into school to share with the class.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

## School Council News and Views...

Hello everyone. Our names are Ethan and Delphine and we are the Year 2 School Councilors. 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!