



Dear Parents,

The children had a fantastic first half term in Year 2 and have been working really hard on all of their learning. This half term is filled with exciting learning opportunities and festive celebrations!

During this half term, Year 2's topic will be 'Local History'. This is a History-focussed topic. Attached to this letter is your child's Knowledge Organiser which contains key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class.

Our learning:

- In Reading, the children will be exploring a variety of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry texts across the curriculum. They will be practising the skill of define.
- Our writing will focus on the texts 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Paddington's Post'. We will be writing a twisted version of Hansel and Gretel, letters based on Paddington's Post and a recount of an exciting Wow Day we have planned for later in the half term.
- In Maths, the children are learning addition and subtraction, money and will begin to look at multiplication and division.
- In R.E. we will be learning why Christians believe that God gave Jesus to the world. We will be learning how to help solve a problem showing love. We will learn about the Christmas story and that Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God.
- In P.E, the children will be doing an indoor and an outdoor unit. This half term, they will be focusing on gymnastics and basketball.
- In PSHE, the children will be focusing on mental and emotional health. They will be exploring these questions: What is the difference between small feelings and big feelings? How can I keep safe online? What makes others happy? What is the difference between joking, teasing, and bullying?
- In History, the children will be learning to understand how the local area has changed overtime. They will look at local buildings such as Gorton Monastery and Belle Vue and learn about the history and how they have changed over time. They will learn about primary and secondary sources and how these are used to find out about the past.
- In Computing, we will be looking at coding and using Scratch to make our own computer games.
- In Science, we are learning about the needs of animals including humans. We will learn what animals need to survive and how humans need a healthy, balanced diet, exercise and good hygiene to grow up fit and healthy.



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Reading at home

Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day to an adult and they also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them. Children will be bringing home a reading book which is appropriate for their current reading level. Please record the reading your child does at home in their reading record, children will be awarded dojos to celebrate reading at home. The children will be completing quizzes on their books in school each week.

Homework

Homework can be found on the school website on Year 2's page. There will be information and links to letterjoin, spelling shed, Times Tables Rockstars, Mathletics and Myon and we would like the children to spend some time completing activities set on these each week.

PE

Badger – Tuesday

Hedgehog- Tuesday

Squirrel- Wednesday

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 team