

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

We hope you are ready for the Spring Term after a lovely break. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.



The Year 2 Team

Key Stage 1 Assistant Headteacher: Miss Pickles

Class 2S: Miss Sutton

Class 2HS: Mrs Howell and Mrs Smith

Names of other team members - Miss Taylor, Miss Patel, Mrs Nation and Mrs Shaw



English

Our first class reading book will be 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative (A Crow's Tale and The Day the Crayon's Quit) and a non-fiction focus on instructional writing – How to make a bird feeder. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to working towards using smaller lined books ready for KS2. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on multiplication and division. Please help your child to practice their times tables (x2, x5 and x10 up to 12). They can also access Times Tables Rocks Stars – a fun way to learn. Please also encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands) to the nearest 5 minutes. Further to this, please encourage children to understand coins and money where possible by adding quantities of coins to £1, knowing £1 is the same as 100 pence and finding change from £1. These are important everyday life skills.

Homework

Daily **reading** is expected. Your child will have a book to practise their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in ['Our Learning > Year Group Page > Reading'](#). Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. For books online please visit [Storytime Online](#). We always encourage **spellings** practice at home too, particularly the year 1 and 2 common exception words. Children will also be expected to practise **2s, 10s and 5s times tables** on [Time Tables Rockstars](#) and number facts on [Numbots](#). Class teachers will also set weekly homework tasks related to the learning for the term. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

PE

PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Science

During this term, we will be learning about Animals including humans. This will include animal lifecycles, the basic needs to survive (water, food and air), the importance of exercise, the right amounts of food and hygiene. Children will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills such as grouping and classifying foods to design a balanced meal and observing changes overtime in lifecycles (butterflies/ frog spawn)

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be developing their digital literacy through effective searching online. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via [RMUnify](#).

Wider Curriculum Subjects

In history, we will be studying significant individuals – Emily Davidson and Rosa Parkes. In geography, we will study the continents and oceans. In Design Technology, we will developing our cooking skills by preparing vegetables. In art, we will be developing our painting skills of African animals. In music, we will learning to play the recorder. In RE, we will be studying Hinduism - Janmashtami. In PSHE, we will be learning about Living in the Wider World – belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience, money and work.

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website ['Our Learning' section](#)

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	