

Year Two's Half Termly Newsletter Summer 2 June 2022
Mrs Cowen and Mrs Edwards

We are really excited about continuing our learning journey together during this very busy and fun filled half term, the children's final one in Year Two and Key Stage One! As always Year Two will be full to the brim with lots of learning, adventures and laughter! In Year Two this term we will continue to be supported by Miss Barton, she will teach in our class every Thursday morning as she has done throughout the year. She loves working with our class and knows all the children well. Please remember that our door is always open. If you have any questions or want a general chat about your child's learning that we will be very happy to speak with you. We are available most evenings after school so please see the office if you wish to book an appointment or a chat over the phone.

We will continue to use your child's Home Learning Journal as a source of communication from time to time so please aim to check these frequently. Please are free to write a message to us in your child's Learning Journal, but please bear in mind that these are not checked every day, so do prompt your child to bring it to the us when they get into class.

The Year Two Curriculum

There is plenty of information on our school website about the curriculum, including knowledge organisers, spelling lists, year group specific curriculum maps and home learning resources, so please head over to find out about all of the Year Two Curriculum. You will find this information under 'Children'.

Home Learning

In Year Two, we continue to prioritise reading. We ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. We understand that it is not always possible for pupils to read with an adult every day so we also encourage independent reading. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal when they have read. As usual, we will complete a weekly reading raffle as an incentive for children to read frequently. The children will have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school too. We will soon be starting a new way of reading at home in Year two so more information will follow!

Please continue to encourage the children to read any texts they may enjoy – this could include books from home, a library or even magazines and newspapers. All reading is good reading! All children need to bring their reading packs to school each day. Please record in the journal each time your child reads. We will continue to focus on developing the children's level of comprehension. We will also be encouraging the children to give opinions about what they read, make comparisons between texts and to consider any hidden messages from the author. Please try to encourage this at home too.

Children will also continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily. In Year Two we aim for the children to recall quickly multiplication facts for 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables with ease and speed. In Year Two we also ask that children learn to recall number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and are able to rapidly recall these when asked. Knowledge of these helps with conceptual understanding and enables the children to answer arithmetic questions quickly and to develop greater fluency. Any support with this at home is also greatly appreciated.

Spellings are sent home at the beginning of each term, these are also saved on the school website. We encourage pupils to practise these spellings as frequently as possible at home. The children will record their scores each Monday and any incorrect spellings in their home learning journal so you can support the children in revisiting words they are unsure of. Please continue to practise the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words using the word banks I've previously provided. Please ask if you need a new copy.

This half term's home learning menu is attached, it provides your child with lots of different ideas to further their learning at home. We encourage pupils to complete at least one activity from the menu per half term. We will dedicate time at the end of the half term to share and celebrate any work completed from the menus. We are now excited to see what our young linguists will produce about French 😊.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child's book bag comes to school each day. Pupils should ensure that they have their reading book and Learning Journal in their book bag every day. Letters sent home will be placed in book bags, so please do check frequently for these.

Seesaw

Seesaw will continue to be used by class teachers and your login details should stay the same. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements, any extra home learning or even to showcase excellent work, but please note that the message function will not be in use. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment to do so at the school office. Miss Barton will continue to use the Seesaw messaging function to liaise with parents about music lessons.

PE

PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons this term. To ensure pupils always have a PE kit in school, we will not send kits home until the end of a half term (unless they have gotten particularly dirty). If your child takes part in a sporting club, please can they bring their own games kit into school each week.

PLEASE REMEMBER: We are still avoiding these fruits in our class.



We very much look forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continuing support this year. We love being your child's teachers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you want to know or discuss with us. Please look through the attached Curriculum map and Y2 Knowledge Organisers available on the website. These will help you understand more about what we are learning about in class this half term.

Kind regards, Mrs Cowen and Mrs Edwards

Maths We will then explore concepts of Time. We will work on recognising time to 5 minute intervals. We want the children to be able to tell time, sequence it and manipulate an analogue clock. Hopefully we will progress to learning how to find durations of time, the end of a length of time, the beginning of a length of time and finally to comparing lengths of time. Any extra work on telling the time that can be completed at home will be appreciated. Telling the time accurately can be a very difficult concept for children to master.	English In English, we will be finishing our unit about Rapunzel and the children will write their own version of a traditional tale, with a twist! We will also read 'The Magic Finger' and learn about characterisation, plot and writing to persuade. We will plan and draft a sequel to the original story. We will continue to focus on spelling the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words and High Frequency words and will practise these in many ways. We will also expect the children to be independently checking their spellings of these as they write.	RE In RE, we will learn about 'What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost'. We will listen to the stories of the Ascension and Pentecost. We will explore the symbolism and power of the Holy Spirit. We will look at pieces of art work that interpret these events. We will explore the symbolism and power of the Holy Spirit as a gift for Christians and the impact this has on the church today.
Geography 'Northern Europe' We will continue learning about the Scandinavian countries in northern Europe: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland. We will study the climate and learn about the process of glacial erosion. History 'Anglo Saxons and Vikings' We will learn about how the Vikings travelled from Northern Europe to regions including England and their way of life. We will also learn about King Alfred, King Canute and Edward the Confessor	PHSE Relationships We will discuss how some people have fixed ideas about what boys and girls can do. We will describe the difference between male and female babies and some differences between male and female animals. The children will begin to understand that making a new life needs a male and a female. They will describe the physical differences between males and females and name the different body parts.	Science First we will be finishing our lessons about 'Materials and Matter'. We will then move onto learning about 'Astronomy'. We will learn about the eight planets in our solar system and about how the Earth orbits the sun and the moon orbits the Earth. The children will find out that groups of stars are called constellations and that Scientists, including astronomers, learn from each other to make new discoveries about space.
PE In PE, we will be focussing on Athletics. In this unit, the children will practise their body position to start a race efficiently. They will develop their jumping skills within a hurdle-based activity and will use their knowledge of jumping to improve height and distance of jumps. They will then apply skills and determination to improve upon their record for running, jumping and throwing.	Computing During our Computing Day we will be learning about programming. We will learn about and create algorithms to help us program a robot. Music 'Reflect, Rewind, Replay' We will listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality classical music. Also experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.	MFL-French Our unit will be all about 'Animals'. We will learn to read and say up to 6 animals in French with the correct word for "a". We will put some together to say a short sentence in French.

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Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'

Year 2 Home Learning Menu

French



Get Creative with French Cuisine!

Can you find some simple French recipes and follow instructions to make one? Which French words can you read and pronounce?



Oh, the places you'll go!

Can you take a day trip and visit the **Lady Lever Art Gallery in** Port Sunlight Village, Wirral, UK CH62 5EQ? Lever was fascinated by the French Emperor Napoleon and collected



furniture, decorative arts and memorabilia associated with him, The gallery has the best collection of Wedgwood jasperware in the world.

Time to Teach

Could you share some of the knowledge you have about France and the French language with a family member or friend? Could you play some games to teach them some simple phrases that you've learnt?

Reason to Research

What can you find out about animals that live in France? Can you record your findings in a poster or a fact file or even as a voice recording so you can practise your pronunciation? Try doing some writing or labelling in French.

Ready to Report

Can you create a report about France? This could be a written report/ video/audio report detailing what they have learnt and including findings from all our French lessons across Year 1 and Year 2? Could you report about colours, numbers, days of the week, months of the year and salutations too?

Have it your own way!

Or you can do it your way! Choose Explore the topic further in any way you choose.

Be creative and do it your way!