



Year 2 Learning Journey

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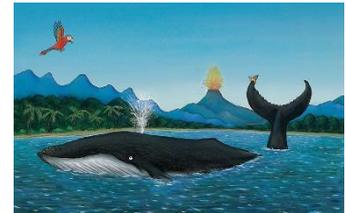
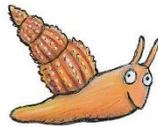


Welcome to Year 2! We have had a great first week and the children have settled into their routines brilliantly.

Below is some information about the half term ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to us. The best way to do this would be to contact the office and we will get back to you.



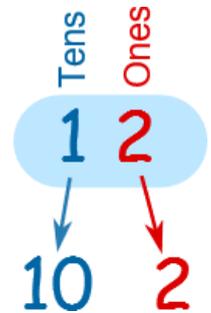
Percy the Park Keeper and The Snail and the Whale are two books that will be inspiring our reading and writing this half term. We will be acting out the stories, retelling them with actions and writing our own versions!



Our topic, Our World, focuses on living things. We look at plants, animals and humans and what they need to survive. We also learn about habitats and look at weather around the globe.



In Maths, we will be focusing on knowing the place value of tens and ones, solving problems and adding.



Reading Challenge



We will soon be sending home new reading records and books as this year the school has invested in a new reading scheme which means lots of new books! You will receive a letter soon explaining the scheme.

In Year 2 we have a special reading challenge which is an exciting way to improve your child's fluency and comprehension skills and we need your help! We expect you to read at least three times a week at home. When your child reads at home, we ask that you write the title of the book in their Reading Log, and sign and date to show that they have read with you. We will check their reading record every Friday and if there are 3 comments from home, your child will progress along our class bookworm and earn house points.

Once they have reached the top of the bookworm, we will celebrate and share your child's reading achievements with a special certificate during Celebration Assembly.

It's worth remembering that all levels of reader enjoy reading to others out loud. Siblings, grandparents and family friends make great listeners!

We encourage you to read with your child as regularly as possible. Do ask questions about the text and discuss the characters, the type of book it is, etc., as your child reads. The Reading Challenge is not restricted to school reading books; it can be a library book, one of their own books, or even a comic.

Happy reading!



Spellings

Below are the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception word lists. By the end of Year 2, all children are expected to be able to spell (and read) these words and each week we work on them. Please take the time to support your child by practising reading and writing these words at home as often as possible.

Separate spelling lists will also be sent home on Fridays in the **red spelling books**, from next Friday (the 18th September). The children will be tested on these the following Friday. Please make sure your child has their spelling book each Friday and please practise these spellings at home as often as possible.

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	



How you can help at home

- ✓ Read as often as you can. This will have the biggest impact on your child's learning.
- ✓ Practise your child's new spellings with them. Once they can spell the word encourage them to use it in a sentence.
- ✓ Support your child in completing their home learning each week.
- ✓ Watch the weather forecast with your child, to help prepare them to be weather forecasters in school.

Reminders:

- PLEASE make sure all of your child's belongings are **clearly labelled** with their name.
- Year 2 have PE on Wednesdays (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). At the moment children are not allowed to bring in PE kits but are allowed to wear trainers.
- Items from home such as toys and pencil cases should not be brought into school.
- Home learning will be given every Friday, starting next Friday, the 18th September. It is due in the following Wednesday.
- PLEASE make sure that your child brings in their reading record and reading book EVERY DAY.