

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope that you have a fun and relaxing summer break and are looking forward to a very exciting year in Year Two! Please continue reading to find out what we will be learning about in the Autumn Term!



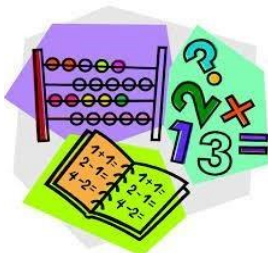
This term we will be learning all about Harlow focusing on life in Harlow 60 years ago and Henry Moore in **History** and Art. During **Geography**, this term we will be looking at the human and physical features of our town comparing them to Nairobi in Kenya. We will continue to revise the five oceans and

begin to locate and name the world's seven continents and the four countries and capital cities of the UK on a map.



In **writing** this term, we will be placing a real emphasis on letter formation, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. We will also be progressing and developing our story writing skills through the story 'The Way Back Home' using a wider range of sentence openers and extended vocabulary. The children will also learn about non-fiction text types such as instructions and non-chronological reports.

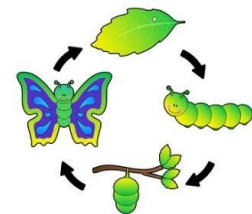
Now that the children are in Year Two, we will be placing a greater emphasis on comprehension skills through **Guided Reading** sessions. The five key areas that we will be focusing on will be: decoding, explaining, retrieval, inference and authors choice. In Autumn 1 we will be reading Goldilocks and the Clever Plan, Five Minutes Peace, The Selfish Crocodile and Something Else.



In **Maths** this term we will continue to focus on place value to one hundred. The children will develop their knowledge of partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and ones, comparing numbers using $>$ $<$ and $=$, revise their number bonds to 20 and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will then work on addition and subtraction methods and problem solving. After the October half term, the children will continue working on

addition and subtraction as well as learning more about money, multiplication, division, fractions and problem solving.

Over the course of the Autumn Term in **science** we will learn all about animals! In autumn one we will focus on lifecycles of animals including humans. In autumn two we will place a greater emphasis on living things and their habitats.





In [Art and DT](#), the children will work on developing their sculpting skills using Henry Moore as an inspiration. After half term, the children will learn about various mechanisms in DT to create their own moving vehicles.

This year in our [music](#) sessions. We will focus on skills such as rhythm, beat and tempo through our units.

In [computing](#) we will be learning word processing skills. Please feel free to practise this at home if you can! After half term, we will be learning how to create Stop Motion.



In [P.E.](#) we are developing our skills through a range of different sports. Our units will focus on, outwitting our opponents and body composition. Please make sure your child does not wear jewellery for PE and that they have a PE kit in school permanently- with plimsolls as children **cannot** wear the same shoes to school and for P.E. Our P.E. day will be **Thursday afternoon**.

In [RE](#) we will be learning about Christianity. In [PSHE](#) in Autumn 1 we will focus on 'Being Me in My World' and in Autumn 2 'Celebrating Differences'.

[Home Learning](#)

Home Learning is an expectation in Year Two. Home Learning will be set every Monday and due the following Monday. Children who do not complete these tasks will do so in their own time at school. Therefore, if you are having any issues with home learning please come and have a chat with me! I will do whatever I can to help.

All children will be asked to complete weekly tasks on [Spelling Shed](#) and [TT-Rockstars](#) after October half term. These should take no longer than 20 minutes each. We will do a **weekly spelling check** of 8 – 10 words in class to see how the children are progressing with the words set on Spelling Shed or Class Dojo.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child! We are sure that this year will be filled with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities!

Many thanks,
Mrs Danacica and Mrs Porter