

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful, fun-filled and relaxing summer break! We are delighted to welcome the children back and hope they have settled happily into their new Year Two classroom.

We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and have lots of fun, exciting and engaging learning experiences planned for the Autumn Term. We can't wait to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new skills and discover lots of new things along the way!

Our Learning Adventure This Term

English

This term, we will continue to develop the children's letter formation, grammar, punctuation and spelling skills.

We will begin by exploring how to write clear and engaging instructions, before moving on to non-chronological reports. These units will give the children opportunities to develop their vocabulary, sentence structure and ability to organise information clearly.

We will then move on to the wonderful story *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers.

 Through this exciting adventure, the children will develop their story-writing skills, experimenting with varied sentence openers and extended vocabulary to bring their writing to life.



Guided Reading

This year, we will place an even greater focus on developing the children's comprehension skills. We will work on:

-  Decoding
-  Explaining
-  Retrieval
-  Inference
-  Author's choice

During the first half term, we will continue with our reading focus sessions, building on the approach the children experienced in Year 1. The children will continue to use their Little Wandle books as our focus texts, giving them opportunities to develop their fluency, expression and comprehension skills while discussing what they have read.

Our Autumn 2 texts will include *Goldilocks and the Clever Plan*, *Five Minutes Peace*, *The Selfish Crocodile* and *Something Else*.

Maths: This half term, we will build on our understanding of place value to 100, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, comparing numbers using $>$ $<$ $=$, revising number bonds to 20 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then move onto addition and subtraction. After half term, we will continue with these skills and explore money, multiplication, division, fractions and problem solving.

History & Art: 🏛️

We will take a trip back in time as we explore what life was like in Harlow 60 years ago.



We will also discover the work of the famous artist Henry Moore. Inspired by his sculptures, the children will have the opportunity to experiment with shape, form and materials as they create their own sculptures. 🧠

🌍 Geography

In Geography, we will become explorers! 🗺️

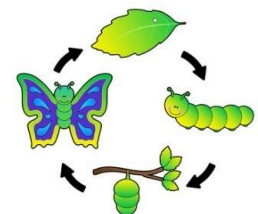
The children will investigate the human and physical features of Harlow and compare our town with Nairobi in Kenya.

We will also revisit the five oceans, learn about the seven continents, and identify the four countries and capital cities of the UK on a map.

🐸 Science

In Autumn 1, we will discover the fascinating world of animal lifecycles, including the human lifecycle.

After half term, our attention will turn to living things and their habitats, exploring the different places where plants and animals live and what they need to survive. 🌱 🐾



🎨 Art & DT

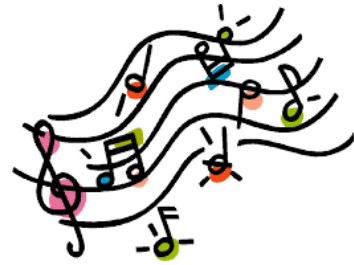
Alongside our Henry Moore-inspired sculpture work, we will get creative with Design and Technology after half term.

The children will explore mechanisms and use what they learn to design and create their very own moving Christmas cards. 🎄

🎵 Music

This term, the children will explore rhythm, beat and tempo through two exciting units: *Tony Chestnut* and *Carnival of the Animals*.

They will also have the opportunity to compose their own music inspired by birdsong.



💻 Computing

In Computing, we will begin by exploring the question:

“What is a computer?” 💻

The children will learn about **inputs and outputs** and begin developing their **word-processing skills**, building confidence in using technology to create and communicate.

🏃 PE



Our PE sessions will focus on developing important fundamental movement skills, including outwitting opponents and body composition. Please ensure your child has a PE kit, including plimsolls, in school at all times. Children are not permitted to wear earrings in PE lessons.

RE & PSHE

In **RE**, our focus this term will be **Christianity**.

In **PSHE**, we will explore two important themes:

💛 *Me and My Relationships*

🌈 *Celebrating Differences*

These topics will help children develop their understanding of themselves, their relationships with others and the importance of celebrating what makes each of us unique.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an important part of Year Two and provides children with the opportunity to practise and reinforce the skills they are developing in school.

Tasks will be set each Monday and due back the following Monday.

If you experience any difficulties with Home Learning, please come and speak to us.

We are always happy to help!

Spelling Shed & TT Rockstars

Children will also have weekly activities on Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. Each activity should take approximately 20 minutes.

We will also have weekly spelling checks consisting of 8–10 words.

Please let us know if you need any support accessing or completing these activities.

Let's Make It a Wonderful Year!

We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year. By working together, we can support your child to become a confident, independent and enthusiastic learner.

We are sure that Year Two will be filled with fun, friendship, creativity, challenge, discovery and lots of exciting learning experiences! 

We can't wait to see what the children achieve.

Mrs Jones & Mrs Bambridge

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