

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter



Miss Needham and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 2. We hope your child is ready to embark upon a fun and exciting year of learning. Here is some key information on the day-to-day practices and other information that you may require. Mrs Bhamber will be looking after the class every Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to catch me at the door or alternatively you can email on v.driver@forestdale.bham.sch.uk

Curriculum

Our Topic for this half term is 'Famous Monarchs in British history'. This is a history based topic. We'll meet three of our most famous and formidable queens—Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, as well as looking at our current monarch, King Charles III. Along the way we'll be learning about some royal residences like Buckingham Palace, how the royals wish to be seen in their royal portraits and the power of the monarchy through the years.

Maths—This half term our focus will be on place value to 100 and addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at the 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s times tables. Children will be required to know the inverse operation as well e.g. $7 \times 10 = 70$, $70 \text{ divided by } 10 = 7$. We have a times table challenge where the children are expected to complete 40 questions within 5 minutes. Please support your child to learn their times tables.

English—Over this half term our focus will be looking at the place value of grammar and punctuation. We will be covering a lot, and this needs to be embedded to support the children with their writing. The content we are looking at includes:

Common/proper nouns

Action verb or being verb

Irregular action verbs and verb phrases

Building single clauses and co-ordinating conjunctions to join clauses.

Science: Our focus will be investigating 'Everyday Uses of Materials.' In this unit, we will be focusing on identifying the uses of everyday materials inside and outside the classroom, investigating and comparing the suitability of the materials. Children will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks and develop their investigative skills.

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Home learning timetable:

In Year 2 the children will be given home online learning each week starting from Monday 8th September. We will be using these platforms to set home learning tasks so please keep these details safe!

Reading: If your child passed the statutory phonics test in Year 1 and the end of year Little Wandle Fluency test then they will complete a reading assessment with their class teacher before October half term, where we will assess and allocate your child to a coloured reading book. These children will no longer bring home a phonics book. If your child has not passed their phonics test and/or Little Wandle Fluency test then they will continue to bring home a phonics book only until this gap has been bridged :)

Phase 1— phase 5 = phonics book

Purple, gold, white and lime— off phonics, free choice reader.

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. **Book bags will be changed every Friday and your child is expected to read 4 x 15 mins per week.** Your child will receive two practice reading books which are matched to their reading level. They will be able to read

	<u>Handed out</u>	<u>Handed in</u>	these books your-selves
to			
in-			
Reading—Boom Reader	Friday	Thursday	
Spellings—Spelling shed	Monday	Friday	
Maths—Sumdog	Tuesday	Monday	
Times tables—TTRS	Tuesday	Monday	
Will start in November			
Topic	Given out the first week of the half term.	Due in the last week of the half term. 3 pieces are expected to be returned!	

dependently and without any significant help. They will also receive two sharing books which your child will pick. Your child will not be able to read these. They are to promote reading for pleasure and develop a love of reading. We expect you to read the sharing books to your child asking questions about the story at the end.