

Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Hello and welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term!

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and that the children had a well-deserved rest.

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements so far. A special highlight was their wonderful performance in our recent assembly. The children spoke and acted with confidence, and we're sure you'll agree—they were amazing!

We would like to extend a big thank you for your support with costumes, props, and helping the children practise their lines at home. Your involvement made a real difference, and we truly appreciate it.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading 'The Night Gardener'. It is about a lonely boy who meets a night gardener and then learns how to look after the place where he lives.



Our writing lessons will focus on writing a diary entry and a narrative, practising skills such as using expanded noun phrases, writing in the past tense,

Reading

We are continuing to use our phonics to decode words but will be focusing on our **RIC** skills.

These include retrieving key information, interpreting and explaining meaning, and also thinking about the author's word choices and ideas.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing our learning on addition and subtraction, moving onto adding and subtracting two-digit numbers across a 10. We will then move onto shape.

We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and lines of symmetry.

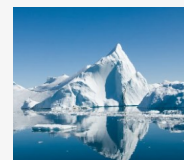


Wider Curriculum



This half term we will have a focus on Design and Technology and Geography. In Design and Technology, we will be learning about structures; investigating the strength and stability of different shapes and ending with constructing a chair for Baby Bear.

In Geography, we will be finding out what it is like to live in hot and cold places on our planet. Learning will focus on the Equator, the four compass points and the names and location of the seven continents.



Art

Last term the children enjoyed using maps as their inspiration to create their own.



They used many techniques like collage, print and even created a stained glass windows map!

PATHS

In PATHS this half term, we will be learning about the feelings of being cross and angry. The children will explore what these emotions feel like and discuss a range of strategies to help them calm down and show self-control in challenging situations.

We will also focus on the feelings of calm and relaxed.



The children will have opportunities to share examples of what helps them feel calm and learn ways to create a sense of relaxation for themselves and others.

PE

This half term Children will take part in **Dance**. They will explore space and how their body can move to express feelings.



In outdoor PE, the children will continue to develop their **sending and receiving skills** through a range of fun and challenging activities. They will practise accurate throwing and catching, learn how to control the speed and direction of a ball.

Forest School

Forest school dates this term are

2D Tuesday 4/11/25
2L Friday 7/11/25

The focus is on **Woodland Wildlife**. The children will develop skills in observing, identifying, and caring for woodland wildlife while exploring nature.



Science

Our science topic is **Microhabitats**. We will be finding out about minibeasts and where they live. The children will build skills in exploring and describing microhabitats, identifying living things, and finally working scientifically to carry out their own experiment involving woodlice!



Other important dates

African drumming workshop

Wednesday 12th November



As always thank you for your continued Support.

The Year 2 Team

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