



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Hello parents and carers and a big welcome to Year 2!

The new school year is well under way and it's been lovely to see the children settling into Year 2 so well - they've already made a great start! We have been busy with lots of fun learning activities, such as our Skills Builder Crime Scene challenge during our first week back. The children loved finding out 'Who stole the chocolate?'. We are excited to start this new year with your children and have many exciting things planned to capture their interests and imagination!

Literacy

In literacy we are exploring a new text called 'A River'. The children will be writing their own narrative about a boy who explores different locations in his boat as well as some letter writing linked to the text. Our focus will be on using **conjunctions** and **expanded noun phrases** to make our writing sound interesting to the reader.



Reading

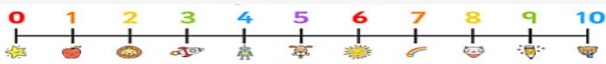
Children will take part in daily Guided Reading, phonics and spelling sessions, working on phase 3,4 and 5 sounds.

Please remember to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary.



Maths

In Maths we are going to be exploring **place value within 100**. This will include **partitioning numbers**, using a place value chart and comparing. We will explore this through different activities. The children will also be counting in their **2s, 5s and 10s**.



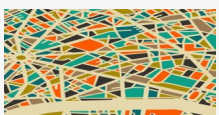
Science

We'll be exploring the fascinating topic of **living things and their habitats**. The children will learn how to identify things that are **alive, once alive, and never alive**, and they'll also be matching different plants and animals to the habitats they live in. It's a great way to build their understanding of the natural world around them!



Wider Curriculum

In History our learning will explore the question 'What is a Monarch? There will be a focus on Kings and Queens past and present. The children will learn about **King Charles III** and what is involved in a coronation and how **William the Conqueror** became King of England.



In Art, the children we will be using maps as their inspiration to create their own, using a variety of techniques like collage, print and stained glass windows. We will be exploring the artist **Susan Stockwell**.

Classroom doors

During the last couple of weeks 2D and 2L have been working hard to create a design for their classroom door which represents how we will be aiming high throughout Year 2. We hope you like our wonderful designs, they really brighten up our classrooms!



PE

Outdoor PE will take place on Thursdays, and indoor PE will be on Fridays.

This term, we'll be focusing on **Ball Skills and Fundamentals**, helping the children to build coordination, teamwork, and confidence through fun and active sessions.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School

Forest School will take place **once each half term**, and our first session will be all about **Bushcraft** – a brilliant opportunity for the children to explore nature, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors.



- 2D will have their session on **Monday 22nd September**
- 2L will have theirs on **Friday 26th September**

Other important dates

Reading Workshops: **Tuesday 7th October 2D, Thursday 9th October 2L**

Class assembly: **Wednesday 15th October at 9am**

We look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 2 Team



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