



## Year 2

### Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you and the children have all had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for Year Two. We are excited to begin our learning for the Autumn term!

#### Key Notices

**Clothes:** Please ensure that everything is labelled, from water bottles to hats! Please note that only small stud earrings are the only jewellery permitted, this is part of our school uniform policy.

**Book bags:** Please send your child in with a book bag, ruck sacks are not necessary for this age group and we do not have the storage to hang them safely. Year 2s pegs are right by a fire exit door and there is only space to hang a coat and hat. Book bag boxes are provided for children to place bookbags in and are easily accessible to children throughout the day as needed.

**Snack:** Please send your child in with a snack that is separate to their school lunch box. Snacks should be either a piece of fruit or vegetable – this is in line with our school policy.

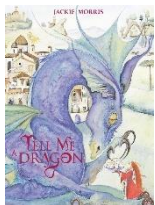
#### Castles

This half term, we'll visit Mont Orgeuil Castle to examine how and why castles were built and what their main defensive features are. We will also link this to mapping of our local area and the island as a whole. We will learn the capital cities of the UK, examining some castles in each of those places. We'll examine castles of different time periods and some of their famous residents.

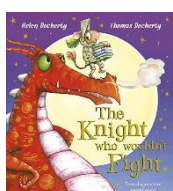


Our learning about castles links nicely with our learning about materials and structures, as we think about which materials are suitable for a strong fortification which can be defended from attack and exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

#### English

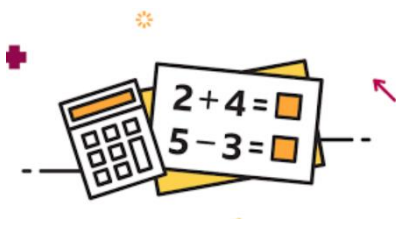


This half term, our first focus book is 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. This is a beautiful picture book that describes many different dragons. We will be inspired by this book to develop our descriptive writing skills. We will be focusing on using noun phrases and exciting adjectives whilst reminding ourselves of our essential writing must haves such as capital letters, full stops and spaces between words.



Our second focus book will be 'The Knight who wouldn't Fight'. Young Leo mouse is a knight who can't see the point of fighting. He'd much rather be reading. We will be working towards writing short narratives that Leo would tell a beast to 'tame' the dragon.

## Maths



We will begin the year by concentrating on various aspects of numbers to 100. The children will be able to count to 100 through different steps, including counting up in twos, fives, tens and threes. They will also look at comparing numbers using their place-value knowledge and will go through number bonds. After this, we will focus on addition and subtraction. We will be using number bond diagrams as well as the standard column method.

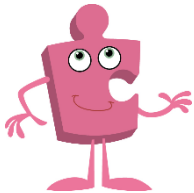
## PE

PE days this half term are as follows:

**2A Mr Welsh's Class:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**2B Mrs Betts' Class:** Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has trousers and PE jacket for their Outdoor sessions.



## PSHE

This half term's focus is on relationships in which the children explore different families, their friendships and how to develop safe and respectful relationship. They will agree their Class Charter (rules and responsibilities) for their year and understanding that everyone has a right to learn.

## RE

Our key question in RE this half term is, "What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings?". We will be learning about the key Christian figures and reading Bible stories.



## Homework

Reading will be the main focus in Year 2, please ensure that you read to and listen to your child read on a regular basis. Please ensure all books (RWInc and levelled books) are available in school each day – these can be kept in your child's/children's bookbags.

## Key Dates:

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – school closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Term starts</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Mont Orgueil Castle</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – school closed</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Individual photo day</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Curriculum Evening</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

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