



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. As the weather is still variable at the moment, please send your child to school with a named waterproof coat each day. This will help to build good habits before the colder months.

Book bags: Please send your child in with a book bag OR ruck sack. We do not have the storage space for more than one item each in our Year 2 classrooms.

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. We have noticed items like bananas being named and would like to encourage this going forward to reduce confusion. Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that your children to not bring any food items containing nuts.

Castles

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

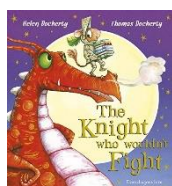


Our learning about castles links nicely with our learning about materials and structures, as we think about which materials are suitable for a strong fortification which can be defended from attack and exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

English

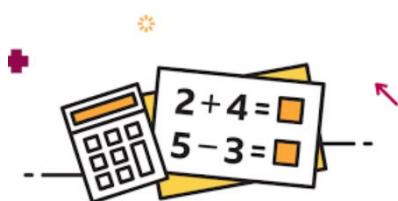


This half term, our first focus book is 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. This is a beautiful picture book that describes many different dragons. We will be inspired by this book to develop our descriptive writing skills. We will be focusing on using noun phrases and exciting adjectives whilst reminding 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 in twos, fives and tens. 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.

PE

PE days this half term are as follows for BOTH classes:

Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing for both sessions.



PSHE

This half term's focus is on relationships and how children can form and maintain positive relationships with family and friends. We will also continue to link their learning with their rights and our school core values.

RE



Our key question in RE this half term is "What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings?". We will be learning about Bible stories that show kindness and explore forgiveness.

Music



We are fortunate this term to be taking part in a music project provided by the Jersey Music Service. The children will have a lesson each week, where they will learn to use their voices, play tuned and untuned instruments including recorders and ukuleles, and experiment with sounds.

Homework

Reading will be the main focus in Year 2. Each week the children will bring home a levelled RWInc book they have read with their teacher, as well as an additional unseen book which will be at the same level. Do not be concerned if they find this second book a little more challenging, as they will not have read it with their teacher.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 15th September	School Photograph Day
Friday 18th September	Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 22nd September	Curriculum Evening
TBC	Year 2 Trip to Mont Orgueil Castle
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W/C 19th October	Parents' Evening
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term

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

Kind regards,

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