

# Welcome to Year 2



## Year 2 Team

2RB Class Teachers: Mrs Richardson  
(Monday)

Mrs Birtwistle  
(Tuesday-Friday, KS1 lead)

2EC Class Teacher: Miss Crouch

Teaching Assistant:  
Miss Thompson

## Year 2 Curriculum Overview 2024 - 2025

| Autumn                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Spring                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Summer                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>History</b><br>Bonfire Night and The Great Fire of London<br>                                                                           | <b>History</b><br>Our Local Heroes<br>                                                                                                    | <b>History</b><br>The Greatest Explorers!<br>                                                            |
| <b>Geography</b><br>Our County<br>                                                                                                         | <b>Geography</b><br>Hot and Cold Places<br>                                                                                                | <b>Geography</b><br>India<br>                                                                            |
| <b>English</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>English</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>English</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <u>Writing</u><br>Look Up (Nathan Bryon) - Recount<br>Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark (Jill Tomlinson) - Non-fiction Information text<br><br><u>Reading</u><br>The Troll - Julia Donalson<br>Above and Below - Hanako Clulow | <u>Writing</u><br>Grandad's Camper (Harry Woodgate) - Journey Story.<br>Major Glad, Major Dizzy - (Jan Oke) - Recount - Diary<br><br><u>Reading</u><br>The Dragonsitter - Josh Lacey<br>Owen and the Soldier - Lisa Thompson | <u>Writing</u><br>The last wolf (Mini Grey) - Letter<br>Grandad's Secret Giant (David Litchfield) - Narrative<br><br><u>Reading</u><br>Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl<br>Grimm's Fairy Tales |

The full curriculum is on the website.

# Trips. Clubs. Residentials

Our residential to Burwardsley is planned to go ahead in the Summer Term.

Dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June (2RB)

24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June (2EC)

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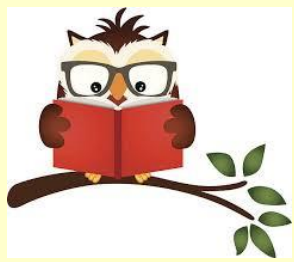
## Keeping in touch

Our email address: [year2@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

We will email you about anything important or any last minute changes.

Any absences or changes to pick ups, please contact [admin / school office](#) as we don't always get the chance to read emails in the day.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to hear all about the amazing things that we get up to! Especially to access photographs from residentials and school trips...



# Reading

- Reading is the priority in KS1 as it is the gateway to learning.
- How we decide which level book your child brings home. Some children will read decodable books and others will read book banded books.
- Please send reading folders with book and diary into school every day. Books will be changed once per week.
- Please ensure that your child reads to you at least 3 times a week but every night is great if possible. (10 minutes). Write a short comment or sign each time.
- Decodable books are supposed to be easy. Children should not come across any sounds that they don't know. The aim is to develop confidence, fluency and expression. They should practise so that they are able to read it just like they are talking.



# Reading - Continued

- Book banded books are to focus more on comprehension. It is important that your child can not only read the words but that they understand what they have read.
- Guided Reading - we read in ability groups each week. This reading session focuses on comprehension. This will be the day that we change your child's reading book. If it is not ready to be changed on this day please ask your child to come and let us know when it needs changing.

Here are some examples of questions you might ask your child:

- Re-tell the story in your own words.
- What do you think might happen next? Why do you think that? Base answers on what has already happened in the text.
- What do think about that character? Give opinion and back up with evidence from the text.
- Which words tell you that the character was scared?
- Don't forget it is still important that you read to your child. Model expression, tone, voices, stopping at full stops etc

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| 2/10/24<br>Big Animals                  | Read to page 7.<br><br>☆☆☆☆☆      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024<br>Big Animals | Read to p16.<br><br>☆☆☆☆☆         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024<br>Big Animals | Read to end of book.<br><br>☆☆☆☆☆ |

Reading diary  
examples

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| 23/6 The Birthday | Great Reading<br>[Redacted]<br>WA ✓ | ☆☆☆☆☆ |
| 24/6 Battle       |                                     |       |
| 30/6              |                                     |       |

# Spellings/Phonics

The year 2 spelling scheme follows on from phonics. This focuses on spelling rules and applying the phonics learned in previous years.

Children need to be able to spell the high frequency and common exception words from EY and Year 1. We will be working on the Year 2 words over the year.

Any children who need it will get extra phonics interventions.



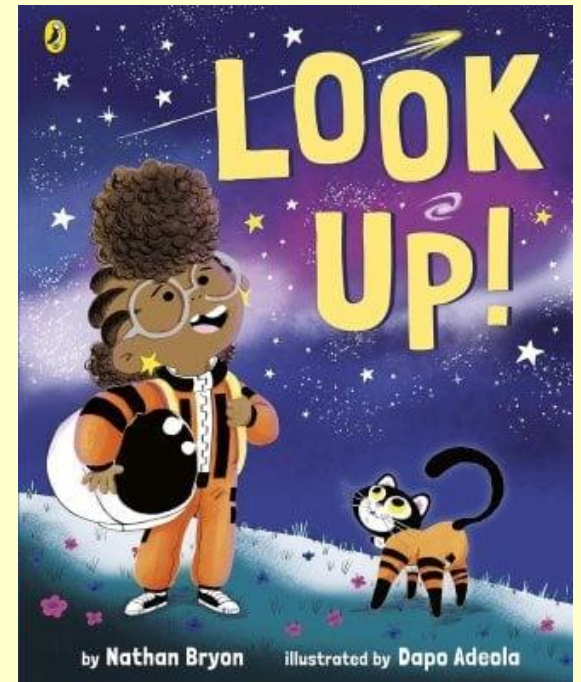
# English

## Areas of learning this half term are:

- Plan or say out loud what is going to be written about.
- Use punctuation correctly - full stops, capital letters.
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify.
- Use subordination (because) and coordination (and).

## Learning outcome:

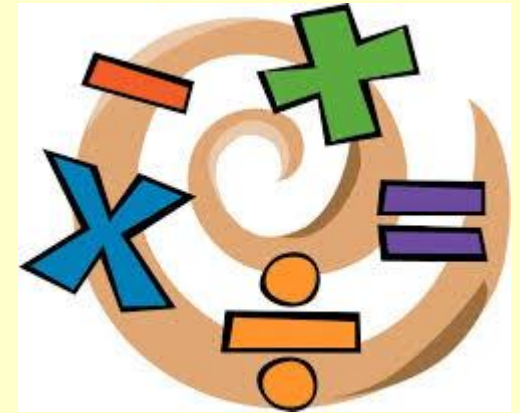
A story based on the model text.



# Maths

Areas of learning this term are:

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape
- Time



Please talk to your children when opportunities for maths present themselves in the real world. E.g. baking, shopping, distance etc so they can see practical applications of maths.

Children need to be able to tell the time on an analogue clock (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to).

# Maths - useful apps and websites

White Rose 5 minute maths - free app

Numbots - free app

Hit the button - play online

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Topmarks maths - play online

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>

# Science

In the Autumn Term our Science topic is Living Things and their Habitats

Other Science topics include:

- Plants
- Materials
- Animals Including Humans (links to RSE)



# Physical Education

Monday - Class Teachers

Thursday - Mr Cairns

Children are to come to school in their PE kit.



## PE Kit at Hartford



- Royal blue PE t-shirt with school badge
- Dark blue shorts with the school badge.
- Blue hoodie with the school badge.



- Trainers.
- Equivalent kit without the school badge is acceptable as long as it is the same colour.



- No jewellery.
- If earrings have been in for less than six weeks, they can be taped up. Please provide your child with some medical tape or plasters and teach them how to do this. After six weeks, your child will be asked to take their earrings out.

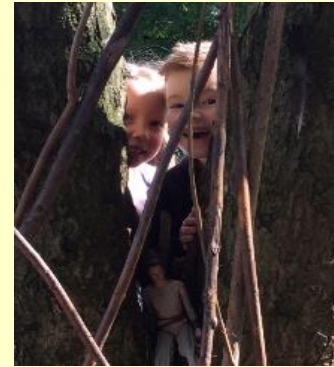


**PLEASE NAME ALL JUMPERS, CARDIGANS AND COATS!**



# Forest Schools

We are delighted to be continuing with Forest schools this year!



We will have Forest School each Thursday during the second half of Autumn term with Mr Hadfield. This is enabling us to develop team working skills and a greater understanding of our environment and the world.

Please come ready dressed in suitable, warm, waterproof outdoor clothes and shoes/wellies. Children need to come in wearing their indoor shoes. We will change outside to avoid bringing mud into school.

# Healthy Minds

Water bottles not juice (labelled) - access all day

Morning snack - please no crisps or chocolate.  
Fruit is still available for free.

Reminder: no nuts or kiwi at all. No  
Nutella please!



# Homework

- Weekly reading x 3 (at least).
- Fortnightly maths / English.
- Numbots. Login details are on homework folders.

Homework is due in by Thursday but can be handed in before that once complete.



# End of Key Stage 1 Tests

- Not statutory this year.
- Children will be assessed in the same way as they were in Year 1.

# Behaviour and Discipline

- Positive discipline – Verbal Praise, stickers, tokens and certificates.
- Half termly class treat, in our classroom.
- Count 1,2,3. Restorative conversations.
- Parental involvement.



# Medical



- Any updates?
- See office for new medical forms.
- A reminder that we are a nut and Kiwi free school as we have several children with severe allergies.

## Contacting us

[year2@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

We will aim to get back to you within 24  
hours.

## Thank You

Thank you for attending and we look forward to getting to know you all!  
(If we don't already).

Thank you,  
The Year 2 Team.