

Friday 17th January 2025

Year 2 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2 Spring Term 2025!

During this term, we will be learning the following curriculum areas:

English

Phonics – Little Wandle is a programme with 5 Phases (Phase 1 to Phase 5) which develops reading, writing and spelling skills. Year 2 children are split into groups according to the Phase they are working within.

Handwriting - In Year 2 the children will learn to join their handwriting. We will follow the scheme 'Letterjoin'.

Writing – As a school we are following the 'Hampshire' scheme for writing. Y2 will have four key focus texts for this term: 'Meerkat Mail', 'Tidy', 'The Night Gardener' and 'Home'.

Reading – Children will take part in 4 guided reading sessions a week following the 'Little Wandle Phonics Scheme' programme. Children will engage with different books throughout the term.

Maths - Children will develop skills using number for place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division (2x, 5x and 10 x table facts). We will also be focusing on time, fractions, money and shapes.

Science - Our topic will be 'Animals Including Humans'. Children will learn about the basic needs for survival for both animals and humans, as well as a range of different animal lifecycles.

History – In the first half term, our topic will be 'Significant Individuals'. We will be learning about the achievements of Gerald Durrell, David Attenborough and Charles Darwin.

Geography – In the second half term, our topic will be 'Continents and Oceans'. Children will learn more about the location and names of the seven continents and 5 oceans.

Computing - Computing will be taught by our Computing Lead, Mr Rebour. The children will learn about sequencing and debugging in coding, data handling, learning about digital technology and their differences and e-safety.

Art – Art will be taught by our Art Lead, Mrs Hopley. The children will be creating collage art inspired by artist and author Eric Carle. We will also be painting and drawing various animals and animal prints.

Religious Education – The children will learn about 3 different religions during the Spring term: Islam, Judaism (prayer at home) and Christianity (Easter).

Emotional Health – The topics covered this term will be health & wellbeing, safety and the changing body and citizenship.

Music - The children are taught by Music Lead Mrs Arnett. They will learn some pieces linked to the British Isles and create music linked to Myths and Legends, Music of the British Isles, as well as learning about Instruments of the Orchestra.

Design Technology- The children will be developing their sewing skills by designing, making and evaluating an animal themed puppet.

P.E – P.E will be taught by our PE specialists Jay and Will, focusing on fundamental movements, team games and kicking skills. Dance will also be taught on a Friday by our specialist dance teacher, Kamryn.

P.E lessons will be on the following days:

Miss Macminn – Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Mrs Cornish – Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure your child arrives to school on all P.E days in a named school kit; including yellow T-shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit and trainers.

French - Year 2 will learn French with our French specialist teacher, Mrs Morrison. The children will learn basic language skills such as numbers, colours, animals and greetings.

Rights Respecting School - As a 'Rights Respecting School', we will be discussing the rights of the child across the curriculum and within the school environment.

Homework

Reading

Your child will bring home 1 levelled Guided Reading books (in a named plastic wallet) on a Monday. This book is to be read over the week and returned to school on the following Monday for us to change it for a new one. Children will also have a library book that they have chosen which is of interest to them. Please spend time reading and sharing this book together. Please record in their Yellow Reading Record each time they read.

Maths

Children will be required to access Numbots (for number bonds practice) and Timestables Rockstars (for times tables practice - 2x, 5x and 10x table only) at least 3 times per week for 10 minutes.

Login details are the same as Year 1 - please email your child's class teacher if you are unsure re. login details.


Additional Important Information

Your child should bring the following to school on a daily basis:

- Book bag
- Lunchbox, snack and named water bottle
- Plastic wallet with reading book and yellow journal (on a Monday)
- **Keeping Myself Safe and Well:** This half term the children will have the Education Welfare officer in for the 'Keeping Myself Safe and Well' programme. This will consist of four sessions on a weekly basis to provide children with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to keep themselves both emotionally and physically safe. Further information regarding these sessions were sent home before the Christmas holidays.
- **Zoo Trip:** Year 2 will be visiting the Zoo on Thursday 6th February. We will leave school at 9:00am and return to school just before lunchtime. The children will need a named disposable snack and named water bottle for the trip.
- **Forest School:** This term, Year 2C will be having weekly Forest School sessions on a Friday afternoon. The children will already be wearing their PE kits, however, please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket available for every session.

Vocabulary

Maths	part, whole, array, group, share, multiply, divide, value, commutativity clockwise, anti-clockwise, minute, hour, big hand, short hand, o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, whole, half, quarter, third, fraction, pence, pounds, combination, difference, change, coins, notes diagrams, pictograms, tally charts identify, sort, describe, 2D, 3D, symmetry
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English	postcard, letter, monologue, description, adjectives, conjunctions, nouns, verbs, suffixes, past tense, present tense, fiction, non-fiction
Science	humans, animals, food, water, offspring, growth, shelter, air, hygiene, germs, clean, washing, healthy, exercise, diet, balanced, carbohydrate, fats, dairy, protein

Yours Sincerely,

2C Teacher:

Mrs Cornish (email: m.cornish@platdouet.sch.je)

Additional Staff:

Miss Troy (Student Teacher joining us for the Spring Term)

Miss Kendrick

Mrs Good

2M Teacher:

Miss Macminn (email: s.macminn@platdouet.sch.je)

Additional Staff:

Miss Woods