



Bessemer Primary School

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Welcome!

We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer! This newsletter will provide you with information on the term ahead.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 2 team

Year 2 Team:

2JW—Jess White (teaching Monday-Wednesday), Josie Blake (teaching Thursday-Friday)

2LT—Lauren Todd

2LS—Lydia Saunders

Natalie Rivers, Debbie Pontes and Syleena Samuels supporting across Year 2

Topic:

Our topic this half term is Pirates! This is a geography topic. You can find information about the objectives covered as well as some ideas for home learning on your topic homework. To get inspired we are having a dress like a pirate day on Friday 15th September.

English:

Our first unit of writing this half term will be based around the book *After the Fall* by Dan Santat. During this unit we will revisit key skills from Year 1, namely the correct use of punctuation, accurate letter formation and writing sensible sentences. We will also begin to look at the formation of the past tense using the -ed suffix and consider the use of appropriate adjectives. The themes we will draw out from the book are those of resilience and conquering fears.

After this, we will look at *The Pirate Cruncher* by Johnny Duddle. Through this text, we will revisit rules for the past tense as well as beginning to look at the use of apostrophes in contraction and possession. We will begin to teach children to extend sentences through the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We will produce letters and diary entries that focus on the use of the first person.

To support the children's English we will continue with daily phonics for the first half term. This will involve revisiting sounds learnt in year 1 with a focus on the application of these in children's writing. We will split into groups for phonics where children are with peers that are of a similar reading level.

Maths:

We will begin this half term by focusing on place value. In Year 2 we learn the numbers up to 100 and understand their composition. Children will be able to partition numbers in different ways and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Having secured place value, we will move on to addition and subtractions including adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers with exchanging.

Science:

We will be looking at 'Animals, Including Humans' this half term. We will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy, the importance of exercise, eating the right kinds of foods, and hygiene.

Daily timetable:

9:00–9:20 Reading
9:25–10:15 Maths
10:35–11:00 Phonics
11:05–12:00 English
1:00–2:00 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/
Art/PSHE
2:15–3:15 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/
Art/PSHE

PE and nature garden days:

Year 2 will go to the nature garden on Mondays and Fridays. Please bring or wear appropriate footwear on these days. The nature garden can become muddy.

2LS PE days- Tuesday and Thursday
2LT PE days- Wednesday and Thursday
2JW PE days- Tuesday and Wednesday
On PE days please ensure you come to school in PE kit.