

Year 2

Autumn Term 2023



Welcome to Year 2!

We are thrilled to have had a lovely first day with Year 2. We look forward to seeing how much they progress over this term. They have already impressed us in the classrooms with their attitude to learning and know they will continue this.

'Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll land in the stars'

Remember, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Miss Flint and Mrs Moody

Reading Diaries and Books

Your child will regularly read their book in class and we will look at their diaries daily. We have a 3 book approach with decodables: one book they are fluent with, one decodable to practise throughout the week and one library book to read for pleasure.

PLEASE make sure your child brings their book and diary to school every day as every spare moment we have in school we will try and read with your child. Please try and read with your child every day as becoming a reader is the most important part of your child's education. We learn to read, to read to learn. Reading is the gateway to the curriculum.

We have reading breakfasts every term and hope to see you in school! You will also have the opportunity to be a secret reader to the children at story time.

PE Kits

PE days will be confirmed for each class in September.

Your child's Team Pinxton PE kit should be worn to school on the set PE days. These have been available to buy through parent pay.

PE days are:

Miss Flint's class - Monday and Friday

Mrs Moody's class - Monday and Thursday

On PE days, please make sure earrings are removed/covered and hair is tied up.

Important Dates

Further details of any events will be sent out in separate letters to ensure you have all the relevant details.

- 5th October – Reading breakfast
- 24th October – Infant Halloween disco 4-5pm
- 27th October – Half term break up
- 6th November – Back to school
- 14th / 15th November – Parents evening and book fair
- 17th November – Children in need
- 6th December – Christmas Fair
- 14th December – Longwood Nativity – 2pm
- 15th December – John King Nativity – 2pm
- 22nd December – Inset day

Homework

The children will have access to phonics videos on class dojo, modelling the week's sounds, so that the children can practise these at home. Alongside their daily reading practise, children will also have a daily counting activity to do.

White Rose Maths videos are also shared on a Friday for the following week's learning so your child can watch them daily before the lesson. They can also use these videos after the lesson to concrete their learning of a particular objective.

The children will receive a weekly maths activity and reading comprehension.

From September we will also be launching our weekly Early Language challenges.

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences.



Are we defined by our postcode?

In Autumn, our enquiry question will be 'Are we defined by our postcode'. This is a geography based enquiry because our school is based in an ex-mining village. We want our children to have an understanding of our community's heritage whilst expanding their geographical knowledge of the United Kingdom. Throughout the term we will be learning about the historical and geographical importance of Pinxton. We will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and the seas that surround it. Follow the link below to learn more about this: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-is-the-united-kingdom-71k32c?step=1&activity=video>. We will then widen our knowledge by comparing and contrasting the seaside town of Cleethorpes with Pinxton and learning about the town of Mugurameno in Zambia, Africa. To support us with our learning we will be exploring the local area. Please say hello if you see us out and about in the first few weeks in September. More information about this coming soon!

Deepening Knowledge Task

Reading

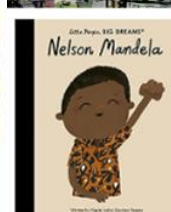
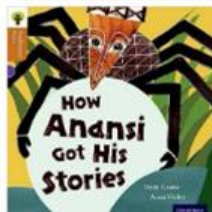
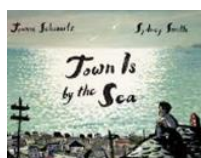
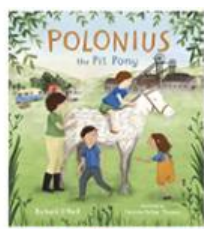
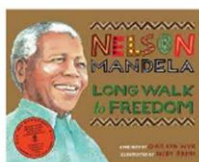
Reading is the gateway to the curriculum and is really important your children practice and apply the sounds they learn in school. We encourage your child to read every day of the week at home. This is monitored daily in school by class teachers.

We vote on a class story everyday as part of democracy in school.

Reading challenge:

Can you read a book at home every weekend until October half term?

Key texts:



Writing

In Autumn, we will be writing a leaflet about our local area to demonstrate our knowledge.

We will then be retelling our own version of the Anansi Tales. Share the story at home and create your own story map of the African tale.

Click here to hear the story: [English KS1: Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock - BBC Teach](#)

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-2&term=autumn>

This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths. We will share the weekly maths videos via Class Dojo from September.

Science

In science, we will be leaning about living things. We will start by thinking about how we change as we grow up and get older. We will think about ways we can be healthy. We will look at the amounts of different types of food we should eat, find out about the importance of the right amount of sleep and exercise and learn about the importance of hygiene.

We will then go on to learn how to identify whether things are living dead or never been alive and think about the different types of habitat that living things inhabit.

Click here to find out more:

[What do humans need to be healthy? - BBC Bitesize](#)
[Why is exercise so important? \(thenational.academy\)](#)

RE

We follow the Derbyshire Syllabus. In Autumn, we will be learning about the Muslim faith. Follow the links below to learn more:

Click here to find out more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_48luWFD8s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwNcnOMaea0>

PSHE

We teach PSHE through the PSHE Association. In Autumn, will learn about ourselves and others and how we are similar and different.

Click here to find out more:

[Play My First Day at School - BBC Bitesize](#)

[PSHE KS1/KS2: What makes me, me? - BBC](#)

[Teach](#)

Computing

We teach Computing through Purple Mash. In Autumn we will be learning about how to use technology safely. Below are some useful websites to support you.

Click here to learn more:

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMly7qxmzP8glVzeF3Ch23sABvEAAYASAAEgKL1_D_BwE

[https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers?gclid=EAlaIqobChMly7qxmzP8glVzeF3Ch23sABvEAAYAiAAEgI00fD_BwE)

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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

PE

In PE, we will be improving our fitness as this is so important to keep us physically and mentally healthy. Try PE with Joe Wicks to improve your fitness.

Click here to watch the video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz0go1pTda8>