



Play. Learn. Explore. Where will this term take you?

Our aim for this term is to encourage the children to learn through exploration and playing with words, numbers and skills. In **History**, we will be learning about Mary Seacole and her greatest achievements; children will discover why she is an important historical figure who is still remembered today. **Art** lessons will link to this History topic as we learn about the artist Augusta Savage, taking inspiration from her work to make our own sculptures of Mary Seacole. In our **English** lessons, we will use a variety of texts to inspire us in our own writing, such as Meerkat Mail and Fantastic Mr Fox. You may have noticed there is an animal theme in our English texts; this links well to our topic in **Science**: 'Animals, including humans'. We will learn about the basic needs of animals and humans. We will also learn about how to look after our bodies by keeping clean, exercising and eating the right foods. In **Maths**, we will continue to problem-solve, reason and develop our Mathematical fluency. Our Maths topics for this term will be Multiplication and Division, Money, Statistics, Geometry and Fractions. In our **Geography** lessons, we will learn about the weather, seasons and the impacts of climate change. In **DT**, Year 2 will be designing and making hand puppets based on book characters, which will link to our first Come and See topic of Books. When we are in the **Computing Lab**, we will be developing our coding knowledge. The children will also practise their typing skills. In **PE** lessons, we will focus on developing our athletic skills and we will continue multi-sports lessons with Gordon.

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As always, our **Come and See** lessons will link to all that we do. We will explore the topics of Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities. Throughout each topic, we will learn stories from the Bible and discuss how we can apply Christian values to our own lives. We will also take part in thought-provoking and beautiful liturgies led by all members of Year 2.

A very warm welcome back to all Year 2 pupils and parents! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your children this term and helping them to learn and reach their potential. They are eager to learn and I hope to stimulate their curiosity for learning throughout our topic.



"I have created nothing really beautiful, really lasting, but if I can inspire one of these youngsters to develop the talent I know they possess, then my monument will be in their work."

-Augusta Savage (Sculptor)

Key Dates:

Mon 9th January: School/
Family Photos

Thurs/ Fri 19th–20th
January: Talent Show
Auditions

Fri 3rd February: FS/KS1
Talent Show

Fri 10th February: Inset
Day

13th-17th Feb : HALF
TERM

Wed 22nd Feb: Ash
Wednesday

Thur 2nd Mar: World
Book Day

Wed 22nd Mar: Parent
Consultations 4pm-7pm

Thur 23rd Mar: Parent
Consultations 1.30pm-
4.00pm

Wed 31st March: Last Day
of Term

Ways to help at Home!

PE: PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons this term, please make sure your child has their full PE kit (outdoor and indoor kit) in school Tuesday–Friday. It will be cold outside so your child can bring in black jogging bottoms as well as their normal black shorts. They can also bring in sports hoodies to wear over their white PE tops.

PE: Earrings: due to health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Reading: **“Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage” — Roald Dahl.** Please encourage your child to read every evening. Sign your child's reading record in their diary so we can keep up-to-date with their successes at home. If your child cannot log on to Rising Stars Reading Books at home, please let me know so that they can practise logging in at school.

Homework: Year 2 will be given homework on a Thursday. Please check your child's Homework sheet each week for more information. Some of Year 2 have already taken home extra homework to complete for extra house points. If you would like extra homework for your child to complete, please let me know and I will send some home with them.

Spellings: Year 2 have their Spelling Quiz on Thursday afternoons. Please remind your child to learn their spellings and to learn how to use the words accurately in sentences. Vocabulary knowledge is key to ensuring your child has strong reading comprehension and writing skills.

If you want to learn more about what Year 2 have been doing in school, visit our blog at www.brwacadamy.com

Year 2 have had a wonderful Autumn term. Your children have worked very hard and they have made excellent progress already. Their resilience and independence is growing day by day and it is a delight to see their pride and sense of achievement in their successes.

I am looking forward to finding out what 'Team Year 2' can achieve this term. Thank you in advance for your support over the coming term; it is much appreciated. Please arrange a meeting with me if you have any questions.

Miss Padhiar