



Newton Leys
Primary School & Nursery

Year 2 Classroom Newsletter

Curriculum for the Autumn Term

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Year 2 newsletter. We are very excited about this year and the learning we have in store. It has been an extremely busy start to the year with the children settling in really well with their new teacher and class! They are working well together, making new friendships and following new routines.

Our first exciting topic this half term is Land Ahoy, read on for a taste of what we will be up to...

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure! This half term, we will visit a marina to draw pictures of boats all shapes and sizes. We will read information books and our science skills will help us to understand how boats float. We will design and make model boats using suitable materials. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make treasure maps and fact files. We will even find out how to talk and sing like a pirate! Shiver me timbers; it is going to be good!



Maths

Our first focus for maths in autumn term is place value, which focuses on children's ability to read and understand numbers to 100. They will use their growing understanding of place value to help them sort, compare and order numbers. Within this unit, children will revise their understanding of different representations of numbers and meet other representations for the first time. They will use these representations to show a number's 'tens' and 'ones' and use this to help them compare and order. Children will use part-whole models and place value grids to show their partitioning of numbers and use these to support their reasoning when comparing and ordering. Moving on from partitioning and ordering numbers, the children will begin to develop their ability to count forwards and backwards efficiently in steps of 2, 3, 5, and 10.

English

Our skills focus for the first two weeks has been on presentation and handwriting. After this, we will ensure that all the children are able to use capital letters and full stops correctly and look at sentence structure.

During this half term, we will be focusing on recounts, character descriptions and settings with a key focus on our school's non-negotiables.

Year 2 Non-negotiables: handwriting, spelling common exception words, capital letters, full stops and finger spacing.



Homework

With such a big emphasis being on reading, we would recommend reading every day for roughly 15 minutes and recording this in your child's reading record.

Your child's reading level is being checked this week. They have been given a book to start them but this level may change. Children are also encouraged to bring in a reading book of their choice from home as we will not be visiting the library and the amount of books available in class will be limited.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Thursday.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place on Monday. Children need to attend school in their P.E kit and therefore will not need to keep one in school.

Labelling your child's belongings:

Please can we remind you that all children's clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled to prevent them from getting lost.

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