

Year 2

Autumn 1

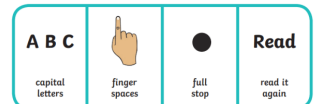
Curriculum Newsletter



Hello and welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. I am delighted to be welcoming all the children into Year 2. If you have any concerns about anything please contact me via email tilly.stead@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I will endeavor to respond promptly. Communication about illness, medical appointments or on the day pick up/ drop off arrangements should be sent to the school office.

English

The sequence of our English lessons stays the same throughout the year. First the children will predict what they think our new topic book is about, followed by completing comprehension activities to understand the story in more detail and then work on their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills in their writing. We will be recapping using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and then learn how to use expanded noun phrases in our writing.



Maths

We will begin by looking at place value, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and then counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. We then move onto addition and subtraction. Please ensure your child can read and write numerals (1-20) and number words (one-twenty) and can instantly recall number bonds to 20.



Topic

Our topic this term is changes within living memory with a focus on our school and toys. The key questions we will discuss are-

- How has school changed over time?
- Why do children play with toys?
- How have toys changed over time?
- How do your grandparents' toys differ from yours?
- Do you believe it was better to be a child in the past or now?

As we discuss the history of the school, we would love for parents or grandparents who came to this school to come in and talk to the children. If you went to Bolling Road First School/ Ben Rhydding Primary School and would be willing to come in and talk to the children this half-term, please get in touch!

Next half term we will be visiting Ilkley Toy Museum to learn more about toys and then inviting grandparents into school to show the children the toys they used to play with when they were younger. More information regarding this will be sent out soon.

Science

This half-term we will look at Animals need for survival. We will learn about Mammals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles and Humans through a range of different activities and experiments.



Forest School

I am excited to announce that I have introduced Forest School into Year 2 this year on a Monday morning. Our first session is on Monday 16th September and last session is on Monday 21st October. This will take part on the school field during the school day. The children will need to bring a named carrier bag to school every Monday for the 6-week block with wellies/ walking boots, a waterproof coat, a spare pair of leggings/ jogging bottoms, a warm hat and gloves. The children will put these over their PE kits as it is also Year 2 PE day.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE kit on Monday and Thursday mornings and will be sent home in it. They must all have a warm jumper.

Homework

An Autumn 1 overview of homework will be sent out, similar to last year on Friday 13th September. These are optional tasks your child can complete. These do not need to be brought into school, however if your child is particularly proud of a piece of work they have completed, I would love to see it!

Book Exchange

All children will bring a new school reading book and reading journal home on Friday 13th September. These books will be changed on Fridays. If you have not finished the book your child is reading you are more than welcome to keep it an extra week.

Library Books

In addition to bringing home a school reading book every Friday, children will also choose a book from the Library to bring home. These should also be returned on a Friday along with your school reading book so your child can scan a new one out of the Library. Children pick this book based on their interests, rather than phonic ability.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up with water for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Monday 16th September- Monday 21st October (Every Monday for 6 weeks)- Forest School
Friday 27th September- School Photographs
Saturday 28th September- Parent Workshops
Thursday 24th October- Break up for half-term
Friday 25th October- Teacher Training Day
Monday 4th November- School re-opens