

Year 2

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday, I have enjoyed hearing all about what the children have been doing over the summer. We've had a great first week in year 2 and I'm looking forward to the rest of the term!

This half term, year 2 will be doing Forest School on a Monday afternoon. Please send your child to school in their own clothes (that are appropriate for the outdoors), appropriate outdoor footwear, and a coat.

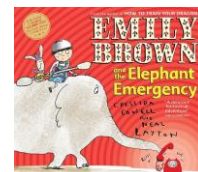
In year 2 this year we will be supported by Miss McCulloch on Mondays and Fridays, Mrs Rockett (formally Miss Leafe) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Mrs Armitage and Mrs Spoerry on Wednesdays. The class will be taught by Mrs Armitage on Tuesday afternoons. If you have any questions regarding year 2 or your child, please contact me at: Hannah.lee@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk

For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

English

This half term in English we will be reading Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency. We will be working on our prediction and comprehension skills, whilst revisiting areas of the writing curriculum covered in year 1.



Maths

We will be focussing on place value of numbers up to 100 at the beginning of this half term, then we will move on to looking at addition and subtraction.

Science

We will start looking at animal groups in science. The children will learn the features of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians and we will investigate their needs for survival.

Computing

In computing, we will initially focus on online safety, looking at ways we can stay safe online.

Geography

This term, Year 1 and 2 will learn about Africa. They will be focusing on the following questions:



- What are the seven continents and five oceans?
- Why is it hot in Africa?
- What animals would you see in Africa?
- How would my life differ if I lived in Africa?

We have arranged to take the children to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on **Thursday 2nd October** as part of this topic. You will receive a separate letter about this trip next week, but if you would like to help on the trip, please let me or Miss Alston know.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** (forest school) and **Wednesday** and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Wednesday

mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Mondays. Their first book will be sent home with your child next Monday. Please comment positively on your child's reading in their reading record at the end of each book they have read.

Library

The children will visit the library on **Mondays** and will be able to borrow one book per week. Please remember to return the library book with your child every Monday, so they are able to exchange it for a new book.

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 for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 16th September – Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 17th September – Individual school photographs
Thursday 2nd October – Year 1 and 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 24th October – School closes for half term