

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2 Starfish Class. Your children are settling in well to the new routines of Year 2 and have made an excellent start to the year. Here is information about the curriculum this term and a few reminders.

Reading: Phonics books will be sent home on Wednesday, after class reading groups, and should be returned on Mondays.

Please ensure your child is reading daily at home, including their phonics book- a minimum of three days a week. This really will support their reading development.

Phonics: This term we are focusing on the Little Wandle Phase 5, together with targeted group work to ensure children are secure in their phonics for reading and writing. Please refer to the phonics section on our website for more information.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your child's learning journey.

Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. King and Miss Valentine.

English

Our first writing genre this term will be a character description based on the book *Little Red Riding Hood*, retold by Susanna Davison. Children will be applying their knowledge of adjectives, nouns and conjunctions to describe a character from the book. Later in the term, we will be writing a short fact-file about Vincent Van Gogh linked to our Art unit about Post-Impressionism.

Science

Our Science focus this term is Materials. We will be looking at how we can test the properties of various materials and investigate their real life uses. We will teach science skills such as prediction, observation and analysis.

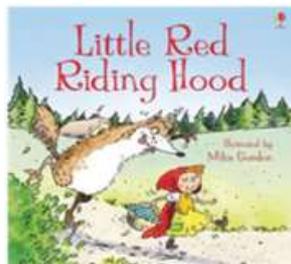
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As part of our Religion and Worldwide Views curriculum, we will be exploring Hindu and Christian beliefs, in a new unit for Year 2 entitled: *Why do we need to give thanks?*

PE

Outdoor games this term, on **Tuesdays**, will be infant agility, and indoor PE on **Thursdays** is gymnastics. We will be developing teamwork, flexibility and co-ordination skills throughout.

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Maths

Building on the Year 1 curriculum, we will start the year by revisiting Place Value to 100, building children's flexibility to recognise and work with 10s and 1s. Practising and securing place value to 100 will be really important for other maths concepts in Year 2. Later in the term, we will be learning to add and subtract within 100, using one and two-digit numbers.

Art

This term, we will be exploring Post-Impressionism with a specific focus on the work of Vincent Van Gogh. Children will discover more about the artist and his work, building up to their own creation using different media include collage or paint.

Computing

We will start this term by learning *What is a Computer?* Children will start to understand the difference between hardware and software and recognise the different parts of a computer.

Music

From this week, we will be experimenting with sound patterns and dynamics. Children will use instruments and call and response to create rhythms, inspired by safari animal sounds.

PSHE

This term we are focusing on *Being Me in the World*. Themes around rights and responsibilities in school, helping others, and choices and consequences will be explored across the term.