

English: This term, Class 2 will develop their understanding of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will be developing their sentence construction, use of punctuation, spelling and vocabulary through a range of lovely texts! One of these will be the non-fiction text "Who was Samuel Pepys?" by Paul Harrison. This book is linked to our history topic of The Great Fire of London.

Mathematics: Class 2 will be counting, comparing, reading, writing and ordering numbers (in figures and in words) and developing knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction. You can help your child to learn the number pairs that make 10 and 20, for example $2 + 8 = 10$ and $12 + 8 = 20$. They will be also be naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

By the end of Year 2, it is expected children are fluent in their 2, 3, 5- and 10-times tables. Please practice using your child's log in (written in their Learning Journals) on Times Table Rock Stars. Please ask if you need any support accessing this at home, we are more than happy to help. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> Don't forget, there are lots of useful maths tips in your new Learning Journals!

Science: This term we will be finding out about **Animals, including Humans**. Children will learn about life processes and also discover what all animals need to survive. You can help your child by watching videos on this website to find out more

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv>

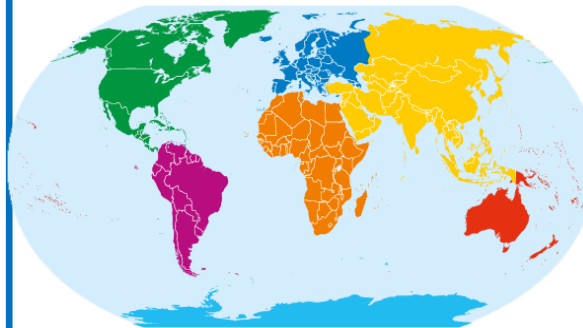
Why not get some hands on experience, you could visit a farm, Dudley Zoo or your local pet shop.

Children will also be investigating **Everyday Materials** and thinking about why certain materials are used to make different items. At home you could use the BBC Bitesize website to find out more about different materials and their properties:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsrfvwx/articles/zd9w8hv>

Blowers Green Primary

Class 2



Autumn 2025

Homework:

Reading at Home: We would like reading books and Learning Journals in school every day. We would expect your child to read at home daily; **please sign their diaries at least 3 times per week.**

Reading Challenge: Each child will be issued with a challenge pack that contains a book and a set of question to be completed. Children must record their answers on lined paper provided and return the pack to school in a good order. It is expected that children complete 2 Reading Challenges this term. **Weekly Reading Challenge homework is to complete 5 questions per week.**

Poetry recital: Children have a total of 6 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem's content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps to improve the children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range. It is expected that children learn 2 poems this term.

Spelling Challenges: For each spelling challenge there are 25 words to learn. Once children are confident that they can spell all of the words they will be tested in school.

Who will be Class 2's Challenge Champion this year?

Mathematics: Homework will be **set every Friday** and should be **returned the following Wednesday**. The mathematics homework will cover a range of skills and topics to aid with quick recall and knowledge retention.

Should your child require any additional support with homework, please speak to one of the Year 2 team.

RE: During the Autumn term, children will be learning about different religions such as Islam and Christianity and how they are practiced within the local community as well as the wider world. They will have the opportunity to handle artefacts and learn about the values and beliefs of each religion. At home you could find out about the similarities and differences between Christian and Islamic beliefs.

PSHE: We will start by creating a Class Charter whilst considering our rights and responsibilities within school. This term we will also learn about what makes a good friend and what is bullying. In this unit of work children will recognise inappropriate behaviour and unsafe situations. They will understand how to keep themselves safe in these situations.

Music: In music we will learn how to play the Pbuzz. You can help your child by clapping and counting beats along to different styles of music and asking your child to name the instruments they can hear. It is especially fun to do this when enjoying a car journey! Children can use their Learning Journals to learn exciting facts about our class musician – **Duke Ellington**.

History: We will be learning about **The Great Fire of London** and **Samuel Pepys**. You can help your child by naming and locating key landmarks in London that were affected by the fire: *Tower of London, River Thames, St Paul's Cathedral*. Have you ever visited London? Do you have any pictures or memories to share?

PE: Sessions will take place every **Wednesday** and **Thursday** each week. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit remains in school as, at times, the lesson day might change. Long hair should be tied back. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Class Charity: Our class charity this year is the **WWF**. Do you know what WWF stands for? Can you name 5 animals that the charity protects? <https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/wildlife>. We will be taking part in some fund-raising events for our class charity so look out for information regarding this.

Design and Technology: Our '**Food and Nutrition**' topic is all about designing and making a salad. We will undertake sensory activities to explore the appearance, taste and smell of fruit and vegetables and practise cutting these using appropriate utensils. We will then design and make our delicious salad making sure we peel, cut, slice, squeeze, grate and chop safely. You could support your child at home by identifying different fruits and vegetables and discussing their tastes and textures.

Geography: In our '**Continents and Oceans**' topic, we will be naming and locating the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. You can help your child by looking at atlases and Google maps together and talking about our new vocabulary: **Equator, North Pole** and **South Pole**.

Art: During our art sessions this term, we will be focusing on **collage** and **printing**. When creating a collage, children will explore different materials, thinking about how they can be cut, ripped, curled and joined to create different effects. When printing, children will learn how to transfer patterns from Styrofoam to paper, the inspiration for the printing will be '**Starry Night**' by **Vincent Van Gogh**. At home, you could listen to the story of '**Katie and the Starry Night**' by **James Mayhew**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAPjNMsSc4M>

This year, **Wassily Kandinsky** will be our class artist- can you help your child find out 5 facts about him?

Computing: Our topic this term is **Coding** where we will learn how to programme and debug by writing a set of instructions for the computer to follow. We will also learn about how to use the internet and email to communicate safely. There are some great games and information to support online safety here: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/child/ and you can help your child learn more about coding by watching this sample video: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsc7ty>

Thank you for your support,

Miss Rich and Miss Patel.