



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Pennyman
Primary Academy

Welcome to our autumn newsletter!

We want to share with you some of the fantastic things we will be getting up to in Year 2 in the academy this term.

Year 2 English

In English this term we are focusing on reading fairy tales. We are looking at The Gingerbread Man as well as Hansel and Gretel. We will be retelling the fairy tales in our own words and then linking our work to instruction writing where we may even make some ginger bread men- though I hope ours don't jump out of the oven!

We will be doing lots of practise of our sentence writing, really focusing on capital letters and full stops being used accurately. We will also be extending our sentences using and, because. You can help us by getting the children to practise speaking in full sentences.

We shall also be improving our phonics skills and practising the sounds with the children at home daily would be extremely beneficial.

Year 2 Science

In Science this half term, the children will be learning about materials and their properties. Our key question we shall be exploring is: 'Can you name, compare and classify materials based on their properties?' You can support your child by exploring materials with them and using key vocabulary to describe them such as absorbent or transparent. Why are windows not made of paper? Can you think of any other silly objects?



After October half term, the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. Our key question we shall be exploring is: 'How do the characteristics of plants and animals suit their habitats?' Why do polar bears not live in the UK? Would they need to change anything to live here?

Year 2 Homework

This term, Y2 children will receive weekly homework. Please support your child with their learning and ask a member of the Y2 team if you have any questions. If your child is struggling, then please let us know so that we can support them further. Homework will be given on a Friday to be completed and returned by the following Friday.

Weekly spellings to be tested on a Friday.
Timetable Rockstars.

Children are also expected to read daily at home and to complete their reading record with an adult. Children need to read four times at home during the week to collect a golden ticket. Please look for the correct date in their reading records.

Year 2 Maths

In Maths we shall be looking at numbers up to 100 and exploring their place value. We shall be learning to use the four operations with these numbers to. Children will be learning to count in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. They need to know these time tables off by heart so your support with this would be excellent.

We shall be practising our arithmetic skills daily with the children during our fluency 5 session.

We shall also be exploring shapes and statistics across the term as well as measure.

Please encourage counting at home and whilst you are out shopping. Children can also practise number formation.

Year 2 Wider Curriculum

In Autumn term the children shall be learning about the Great Fire of London in History. This is a very exciting topic



which will also include a day's hands on workshop in November where the children will think about what it must have been like when the fire spread and what learning has happened as a result of the Great Fire of London!

In DT the children are making cakes for members of staff based on a brief given to them so do ensure you get them to practise and bake you lots of tasty treats at home!

Year 2 Other information

PE will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please send your child into school with their PE uniform: white tshirt, black shorts and trainers. If the weather is cold, please provide your child with a black tracksuit. If children do not come with a Pennyman PE uniform, then they will be provided with one to wear.

Reminder: Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, other than one small pair of stud earrings. On PE days, please ensure that your child is able to remove these independently.

We shall be sending home each week with children a traffic light system of how they have attended school that week. The slip will also say how many behaviour points they have received. We would appreciate your support with this as we ensure every child at Pennyman follows our values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe.'