



Year 2
Autumn Newsletter

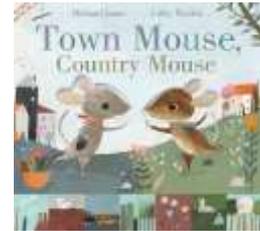


Welcome to Year 2! We are really looking forward to a new school year full of exciting learning opportunities for your children.

Mrs Jatwa and Mrs Mudgway are the teachers in Year 2, and our teaching assistants are Mrs Bryan and Mrs Heal-Betts. In addition, Miss Chalmers (student teacher) will also be part of the Year 2 team.

We have started the new year by looking at the story 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, which will be the focus of our writing this week, followed by 'Town Mouse, Country Mouse' by Libby Walden. We will have a strong focus on vocabulary within a range of writing, including stories, descriptions and information.

In Reading, we will be using our VIPERS to develop our skills (vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve, sequence).



In Maths, we are focussing on place value, number work, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will learn to use our reasoning and problem solving skills.

This term, we will be learning about:

Science: Working Scientifically and Living things and their habitats

Computing: Online Buddies and My Online Life

History: First Railway (Stockton to Darlington)

Geography: Atlas work

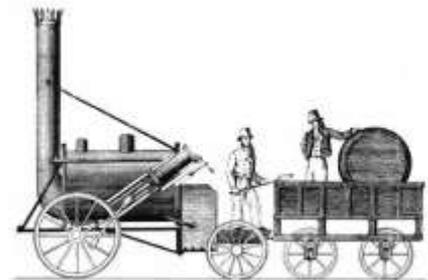
RE: Hinduism

PSHE: Health & Wellbeing, Friendships, Living in the Wider World

Music: Hands, feet, heart - music from South Africa, freedom songs

Art: Drawing, painting and sculpture of Van Gogh's Sunflowers

DT: Design, make and evaluate a Diwali lantern



PE

Both Year 2 classes will have PE on Thursday and Friday.

Your child will require a **plain green t-shirt**, plain **black shorts** and trainers.

Home Learning

Home learning will involve reading, spelling and maths. It will be given out on a Friday and will need to be completed for the following Friday or before.

We will be continuing our reading initiative called 'Read for the Stars' to encourage children to read at home. When children read to an adult at home and a comment is written in their reading journal, they will work their way through the planets in order to reach the Sun. When they reach the Sun, they will receive a book and a certificate from Mr Hodgson. Children should aim to read every night at home.

Spellings will be sent out each Friday and will be tested in class on the following Friday. These spellings will be linked to the sounds and spelling patterns which we have practised in class.

Thank you for your continued support!
We are really looking forward to the year ahead.

Mrs Jatwa

Mrs Mudgway

Mrs Bryan

Mrs Heal-Betts

Miss Chalmers