

# Autumn 2024 – Curriculum News

September 2024

We hope you have all had an excellent summer, a well-deserved rest and are ready for an exciting year ahead! We will begin our term with a history and art focus. In history, we will be exploring how we have grown and changed in our life, whilst in art, we will be learning about making marks using a variety of tools. After this, we will be focusing on DT and geography. In DT we will be discovering how mechanisms work, linking to our English with instructional writing. In geography we will be learning about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. In science, we will be learning all about differences between trees and seasonal changes whilst in computing, we will be focusing on light and dark. PSHE and RE will be taught weekly. In PSHE we will be looking at feelings and celebrating differences. Christianity will be the religion we will focus on in R.E.



## Reading

Children will have reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text. Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading log. In your child's reading log at the front, you will find a bingo book sheet stuck in where you can mark off a book once it has been read. Remember each line marked off wins your child a prize!



## English

In the first four weeks we will revisit learning and build upon our knowledge of punctuation and grammar. The children will learn how to write a setting description and create a set of instructions. After half term, the children will learn how to write their own poem and will write a narrative based on a familiar setting.



## Rainbow Challenges

- Research 5 interesting facts about a continent of your choice.
- Design and make a healthy breakfast for your family.  
Can you design a shop for the future?
- Investigate the different marks you can make with natural objects?
- Can you create a number track with missing numbers for someone else to complete?  
Can you create a habitat for Beegu?
- Create a poster to show your number bonds to 10 or 100.



## Mathematics

This term the children in year 2 will explore shape, number and place value and addition and subtraction, working with numbers up to 100. Formal methods, such as tens and ones charts and part whole models, will be used for addition and subtraction throughout.

By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5, 10 and 3 multiplication tables, so any practice of these at home would be greatly appreciated. Times table Rockstar logins will be stuck in your child's reading record.



This term children will focus on gymnastics and their fundamental skills. All children will have P.E on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Please ensure your child arrives at school **in their correct PE kit on these days**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

## Year 2 Staff

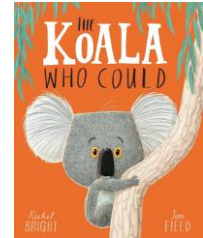
**Miss Gardener**  
India class teacher

**Miss Paterson**  
Italy class teacher

**Miss Hammond (Monday – Wednesday)**  
**Mrs Worley (Wednesday – Friday)**  
Israel class teachers

**Miss Emberson**  
Student teacher

## Recommended read



A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of The Lion Inside.



## Home learning

From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, your child will be given 1 maths, reading or English task per week to complete on Showbie. This is related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

There will also be a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie. These will be tested each Friday.