

A warm welcome back to all Year 2 children!

We hope that you are ready for an exciting adventure as we find out ...

Who's Great? What's Great?

How do we know?

Prepare to be wowed and amazed as we find out about great people past and present, use our senses to explore our exciting environment and dive into the wonderful world of festivals and celebrations!

English

To inspire our English work, lessons will focus on traditional tales, exploring the greatest tales of all time! We are beginning with *The Gingerbread Man* before moving on to variety of exciting stories which will help us to develop our imagination and writing skills to produce our own version of a story. Alongside our History work, we will research and write diaries and letters.

Mathematics



Exploring place value will be our starting point this term, enabling us to develop understanding of the number system and the values of digits. Following this, we will build on addition and subtraction skills using practical apparatus and efficient methods to calculate. Opportunities to solve a wide range of problems will be regular and will often be linked to our learning adventure work. We will use Mathematics to play a wide range of games - don't forget to log on at home to practise!

ICT

Refreshing our understanding of staying safe online will be an important focus this term, as well as using programs to help us create and present our ideas in different ways. We will also explore how to program floor robots to follow a set of instructions.

Art / DT



Mixing paint tints and tones and using a range of different brush techniques will be the focus of our art work. Look out for portraits and harvest art using these skills and techniques! After half term we will investigate moving pictures and use our own ideas to create an original moving picture Christmas card.

History

As part of our adventure we will be travelling back in time to learn more about the inspirational work of Florence Nightingale. We will find out about her work during the Crimean War, the impact it had and her connection to Derbyshire through drama, storytelling and research activities.

Science

Our exciting adventure will begin by playing games to name and describe our body parts. We will become senses detectives to explore our environment in different ways. There will be opportunities to consider, describe, observe and measure as well as the chance to plan and carry out an investigation to put these skills into practise! As Autumn arrives, we will look out for changes that occur including weather patterns.

RE

In our RE lessons this term we will focus on different religious festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and why they are celebrated.

PE

Outdoor PE sessions will focus on invasion games.

Indoor PE sessions will focus on Gymnastics - making shapes with our bodies, balancing

Other Information

Please ensure your child has a **fresh bottle of water** in school every day and all items of clothing, including PE kit, are clearly marked with your child's name - this really helps to reunite items with their owner!

The children are looking forward to continuing with our Harry Potter reading challenge! They need to read 4 times in a week to earn their golden coin. Please remember to sign the diary to show when your child has read. Thank you for your continued support with this at home. Books can be changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

Our PE days will be Tuesday (Yellow class) Wednesday (Orange class) and Friday (both classes) each week. Please make sure that any earrings are removed on these days.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to us at the end of the school day.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Buckley

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