

# Autumn Two in Year 2



## English

This half term, we will begin by focusing our Literacy work around Desk Diddler by Michael Rosen.

We will be diving into the world of poetry from looking at key features, to putting on our own performances!

Later in the half term, we will be reading Meerkat Christmas by Emily Gravett. We will be focusing on our use of description and new punctuation to write post cards relating to a special journey by a young meerkat!

## We are reading...



Within guided reading, we will continue to explore a variety of text types including non-fiction and poetry, identifying and discussing ideas throughout.

To support reading fluency, we ask that you read with your child 3 times weekly and sign reading diaries accordingly.

## Maths

In maths this half term we will finish our work around subtraction before moving on to shape. We will recap our prior knowledge from Year 1, before learning new vocabulary around geometry. Finally, we will recap our knowledge of time before moving on to new learning later in the year.

## DT

This half term in DT we will be designing, making and evaluating an appropriate new chair for Baby Bear to use.

We will revisit the familiar tale of Goldilocks and The Three Bears and see what Baby Bear needs from his very own chair.

We will learn a variety of joining skills as well as experimenting to find the best structures and shapes for stability.

## Science

Science this half term focuses on Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be discovering what different animals need to survive and thrive in their environments, with a special focus on microhabitats around us.

We will be exploring different microhabitats during the half term, before designing our own with specific minibeasts in mind!



## RE

This half term we will be focussing on celebrations and festivals from a range of religions.

Each week, we will be learning about a different festival from Diwali to Christmas! We will find out about the traditions and values behind each festival and explore their place in each religion.

## Homework

For homework, we ask children to read three times weekly and ask you to sign their reading diaries.

We would also like children to use Numbots/ TT Rockstars to practise their multiplication tables whilst at home.

Multiplication tables for Year 2 are 2s, 5s and 10s.

## History

Within History lessons, we will be looking back in time to see how schools have changed. We will be comparing school today, to schools in the past and using our understanding of chronology to create timelines!

## P5HCE

In P5HCE our new topic is called 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be thinking about stereotypes and how we might challenge these in day-to-day life.

## Computing

Within computing lessons this half term, we will be exploring using technology to create digital music. We will think about how music makes us feel, before experimenting with different programmes and creating our own pieces of digital music.

Keep an eye on Seesaw this half term too as we will be using this across the curriculum to record and share the fun we are having!

## PE

In PE we are beginning our Dance unit! We will be enjoying learning to how dance like penguins. We will use penguin images to inspire our movements and create a performance.

We will then be moving on to looking at rhythm and speed to develop a dance portraying different emotions.