

# Autumn Term One, Year 2

## Welcome from Phase Lead

Welcome to Year 2!  
We hope you are  
ready for a fun filled  
year of learning!

To start off the year, we  
will be  
looking at the learning  
question *'Have towns  
always been the same?'*  
Our topic learning will  
then be based around  
answering this  
question.

We hope that your  
child/ren settle into  
Year 2 smoothly. The  
Year 2 teachers are  
always around to  
discuss any concerns  
you may have and to  
help ensure your  
child/ren are happy in  
Year 2.

Kind regards  
Mrs Hughes

## We are reading...



## English

In writing lessons this half term  
we will be looking at the story  
*'In every house, on every street.'*  
As a class we will build a bank  
of adventurous vocabulary and  
use this to create both a setting  
and character description.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at  
place value. We will be exploring  
at numbers up to 100 thinking  
carefully about how we can  
partition numbers into tens and  
ones.

We will build on learning from  
Year 1 where we started to count  
in 2,5s and 10s and extend this so  
that we can also count in 3s.

## Science

This half term, we are learning about materials.  
We will be investigating the different properties  
a range of materials possess and will conduct  
simple experiments with these. One of our  
experiments will focus on answering the  
question: can materials be changed by  
twisting, bending, stretching and squashing?

## Important Dates

- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> Sept clubs start.
- Phonics workshop 11<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4:45.
- w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Oct final week of clubs.
- w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Phonics assessments.
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct parents evening.



## Geography/History

In our topic lessons, we will be focusing on the human features of towns. We will explore what makes a place significant and identify those that exist in our local area. As we compare different areas within our local area, we will also be able to find out about how the land can be used in different ways.

At the end of this topic, we will use all our learning to design our own town.

## Art/DT

We will have a DT focus this half term. In our lessons, we will find out about the architect who designed Milton Keynes and we will also use our findings from our science tests to consider the best materials to build with. Using different tools to cut and join we will follow our plans to create our very own towns.

## Music

We are really excited to begin to explore our new music scheme Kapow this half term.

Our first theme is on the island:  
**British songs and sounds.**

## PSHE

In PSHE lessons, we will be exploring learning charters. We will discuss why we have one and why one is important. We will also look at when rewards and consequences are needed.

## Computing

We will be starting to use our new computing scheme this year: teach computing.

Our first unit will be looking at computing systems and networks as well as digital photography.

## PE

In PE we will be splitting our lessons into two topics: fitness and the fundamentals. In our fundamentals lessons, we will be looking at refining our basic skills such as running, jumping, balancing, speed and agility.