

Year 2

2017-18



Welcome to our new school year.

We have a variety of interesting themes this year which we hope will inspire and motivate your children and encourage them in their learning.

There is an overview of our Year 2 curriculum for the Autumn Term below. Please take the opportunity to discuss the work with your child and if you require any more information on the themes, any of us here in Year 2 will be happy to help. I welcome your involvement in your child's education, so if you ever have any questions or queries, or you feel your child is struggling in a certain area and would like ideas to do at home, please just let me know.

As you know, we are very committed to our cross curricular approach to learning as we feel that it makes it relevant and fun for the children whilst challenging them and allowing them to develop their curiosity. Hopefully we will inspire a few of them to continue their learning about some of the themes outside of school along the way.

	Autumn Term 1 Inventions that Changed the World
English	In English this half-term, we will be writing diary entries in the shoes of the Wright Brothers. We will be also writing scripts for podcasts for a new design of a 'new iPod', as well as planning a new invention and writing a fact file for it. It is really important that the children focus on making full sentences with capital letters and full stops, with correctly formed letters on the handwriting lines.
Mathematics	We will be starting the very first chapter of Singapore Maths this half term and it is all based around basic place value of number. The knowledge of number and place value is vital to your child finding the rest of the units more comfortable to understand. Within this chapter, we will be focusing on knowing numbers to 100, knowing what each digit in three digit numbers stand for, comparing bigger and smaller numbers, creating number bonds and knowing them more fluently, as well as finding number patterns. Please practise these at home.
Science	We will be learning about 'Uses of Everyday Materials' this half term. This unit will teach your child about materials such as wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. We will compare suitability for different purposes and explore how materials can change shape, as well as thinking about recycling.
Art & Design	We will be drawing and making our own designs for our own iPod invention, as well as making different designs for a brand new invention.
Computing	We will be learning all about photography using different devices.
D&T	Within our theme, we will be creating our own paper aeroplanes, as well as creating our own brand new inventions to share with others.
Geography	Geography is our focus for our next theme, as this half term has a focus on History. We will however be looking at different countries and areas where the inventions that changed the world originated from and finding these on maps.
History	This theme is heavily History based. We will be looking at the history of the Wright Brothers, Steve Jobs and Alexander Graham Bell. Through this, the children will develop an awareness of the past, know where the people and events they study fit chronologically, ask and answer questions and

	introduce them to different historical periods, some within living memory.
Music	In music, we are going to start by finding beats and patterns within a song or musical piece. We will try to repeat patterns, as well create our own that we can remember and perform.
PE	In PE, when we are indoors, we are going to be focusing on our agility, balance and co-ordination. We will do this through a range of fun challenges and group activities. Excitingly, when we are outdoors, we are going to be doing outdoor team building challenges! These will involve things like making stick men by running and collecting a range of sticks, making waterproof dens and even trails and bridges!

By following our curriculum we anticipate that the majority of our children will have achieved all the Year 2 objectives that can be seen on the grid that was sent home in the booklet by the end of the year.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Green