
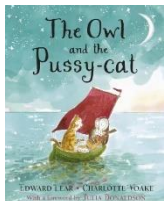









# Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1



Core text(s) for English and Reading	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ocean Meets Sky</b> Author: The Fan Brothers</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Owl and the Pussycat</b> Authors: Edward Lear and Charlotte Voake</p> 
Reading for pleasure	<b>Charlotte's Web</b> E.B. White
Focus areas for English/outcomes	Setting and character descriptions, labels, diary entry, postcard, captain's log, instructions, dialogue, extended fantasy narrative.
Grammar focus	Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er; subordination and co-ordination; expanded noun phrases for description; a sentence as a statement, question, exclamation or command; use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences; commas to separate items in a list.
Maths focus areas	<b>Shape:</b> Counting sides and vertices on 2-D shapes; counting faces, edges and vertices on 3-D shapes, lines of symmetry; sorting shapes. <b>Money:</b> Counting money – pounds and pence; calculating and comparing amounts of money; finding change.
Foundation subjects	<p><b>Geography:</b> The country of Kenya. Physical features of Kenya, its climate and how it affects what lives in Kenya. Continents and oceans.</p> <p><b>History:</b> Aviation. Investigate Amy Johnson and identify why she is still remembered today.</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Living things and their habitats – comparing and classifying things that are living and dead; habitats and microhabitats; food chains.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> Creating media – digital photography. <i>Exploring what makes a good photograph.</i> Creating media – making music. <i>Rhythm and patterns; notes and tempo.</i></p> <p><b>Music:</b> Playing together in a band. <i>I Wanna play in a band (Rock).</i></p> <p><b>DT:</b> Food – Preparing fruit and vegetables.</p> <p><b>PSHE:</b> Living in the wider world – rights and responsibilities; being part of a community; the purpose, value and factual content of the internet.</p> <p><b>RE:</b> What happens in the daily life of a Muslim/Christian? (Human and Social Sciences)</p> <p><b>PE:</b> Gymnastics – floor sequences; moving in different ways; creating different gymnastics shapes.</p>
PE day (and kit expectations)	Your child's PE day will be on a Wednesday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a pale blue T-shirt or polo shirt, navy plain bottoms and

	<p>plimsolls/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life. A link to PE kit and uniform can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		
<p>Any key dates i.e., special events</p>	<p>Forest School afternoon (date TBC)</p>		
<p>Ways to help at home</p>   	<p>Please listen to your child read regularly (at least 4 times per week) and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex, it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. We have now launched our reading app – Learning with Parents. It is fantastic to see (and hear) so many children reading at home. Please continue to upload comments / audios to keep us updated with your child's reading at home. Phonics books and library books will be changed every Friday.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words': a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference as well as the Year 2 Common Exception Words, which will be sent home.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to visit 'Numbots' and 'Times Table Rockstars' for 5 minutes each day. It is important that they can recall number facts at speed as this will really aid them with their Maths work.</p> <p>Your child will also have assignments set on <b>Splashlearn</b>. This is a maths website that they have access to at school and at home. The website is available at <a href="https://uk.splashlearn.com/signin#/parent">https://uk.splashlearn.com/signin#/parent</a> and numeracy games can be played from any computer with internet access. It is linked to the national curriculum objectives for your child's year and there are games set to also revise key knowledge and skills.</p>		
			
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