



# Whiteknights

## *Growing Greatness*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We have had a fantastic start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **Seasides**. Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

The Year 2 team are looking forward to helping your child succeed to their full potential. The team includes the following members of staff:

### Opal Class

- Miss Mulford (Class Teacher);
- Ms Lei (TA).

### Topaz Class

- Mrs Brown (Middle School Assistant Head and Class Teacher);
- Mrs Raj (HLTA and PPA cover);
- Mrs Morrin (TA).

Year 2 pupils will be having PE on Mondays and Fridays. Children will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back for the next PE lesson.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes: all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

### Reading

This week, your child has brought home their reading folder. This folder must stay in their book bags and be brought to school **every day**. Please encourage your child to look after the books and respect the folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Included in this folder, there will be a home learning diary. Please record in this diary daily when you have listened to your child read. Please record the title, the pages read and any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write. Your child's teacher will check that the previous week has been written in every Monday and sign the relevant page in their diary. The children will be given their weekly reading books each Friday. In the next couple of weeks, the children will start visiting the school library, where they will have the opportunity to select a library book in addition to their weekly reading book.

Next half term, the children will take an Accelerated Reader quiz; more information about this scheme will follow closer to the time.

## Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is Seaside. Please support your child with creating something to bring into school. This may be a picture, a model, research, recount of a visit, photographs or a piece of writing. Please ensure that art and models are no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create, please let them be imaginative. Please send it into school when completed by 13<sup>th</sup> October with their name on, so we can share them with the class and put them on display.

## Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning which will be set from the 15<sup>th</sup> September and spellings which will be set from the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## Maths

Each week, your child will be expected to complete a couple of pages from their maths homework book, which links directly to the White Rose Learning they are doing in class. This will be very similar to the routine they followed in Year 1, helping to reinforce key concepts at home. Timetables showing which pages need to be completed will be shown on the classroom doors and in the newsletters.

## Spellings

Every Monday, we will hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our spelling scheme and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Monday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brown and Miss Mulford

Year 2 Teachers



Year Group - 2

Term - Autumn 1

### English

Read, Write, Inc. will be the focus of our teaching of reading. Talk for Writing lessons are taught daily to develop pupils vocabulary and writing skills starting with character descriptions. Each lesson begins with a spelling, punctuation and grammar activity. Writing is developed further within the afternoon topic lessons. This will include handwriting skills and independent writing.

### Maths

We are continuing to teach from White Rose maths. This half term, our focus will be on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. Each lesson involves a fluency, reasoning and problem solving activity. We will use concrete, abstract and pictorial opportunities to build competency in all areas of maths.

### DT

The children will be designing and making a lighthouse using plastic bottles/cardboard tubes. They will select and evaluate a range of tools and materials, as well as practise cutting, shaping, joining and finishing techniques. They will evaluate their ideas and explore how they could be made stronger.

### Geography

The children will learn all about the seaside. They will be able to recognise the changes to the seaside. They will learn about the difference between a beach and a harbour. They will be able to identify key features of the seaside.

## Topic: Seasides

**Outdoor PE** We will develop hand-eye coordination and spatial awareness. The focus will be on ball skills.

**Indoor PE** Dance — we will link our knowledge of the seaside to choreograph and perform a seaside dance; moving in time with a beat showing control and coordination.

### Music

This term, we are starting to learn how to play the recorders as well as identifying the different sections of an orchestra.

### Science

We will be exploring different materials found in our household and clothing. We will be learning about their properties and what material is most appropriate for a particular purpose. This will be through many practical experiments. We will be learning about Charles Macintosh and what he discovered.

### Computing

The children will be using effective searching online to retrieve information. They will also be exploring online safety and understanding why people look and/or act differently whilst online.

**RE**—The children will be re-telling Bible stories that show kindness, and explore how this makes people behave towards each other. We will be sharing the story of The Kind Man and The Paralysed Man.

**Connect**—Exercise - Children learn the benefits of exercise, and notice changes in our pulse and breath when we engage in physical activities. Children practise a mindfulness exercise to 'cue in' to our bodies, and how our Advisor thoughts can affect our exercise behaviours.

Curriculum Enrichment

Autumn SPLAT date is Thursday 2nd October.

Topic Projects

Please support your child with creating something based on our topic of Seasides, this may be; a picture, a model, poster or a piece of writing. Where possible, art and models to be no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create.

Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025