



Next week in Year Two
 Week Beginning 24th February 2025



Welcome to Year 2!

'It's a Bug's Life'.

Reminders for this week

The activities in this Newsletter will support your child's learning through the week so doing them at home with your children is a fabulous way to further their learning. We try to make them as fun and as home friendly as possible so give them a go! Send in anything you do so we can see all of the amazing learning going on at home!

SPELLINGS

bugs, insects, under, behind, of, off, beautiful, huge.

What we will be doing in school

How you can help at home

English – **'Parents! We've Shrunk the Class!'**

This week we will take inspiration from the classic film, 'Honey, I Shrunk the Kids!' We will be creating miniature versions of ourselves and, using a secret shrinking spray, will be shrunk to the size of an ant. The children will then go on an adventure in our school wildlife garden, encountering a range of bugs as big as themselves.



From this the children will write descriptions of the bugs they come across in their miniature adventure. We will be looking at adjectives and utilising expanded noun phrases to add detail to their bug descriptions.

*Try to keep the shrinking a secret as it will be a bit of a surprise for them on Monday! *

If you go on any bug hunts or find out about any mini-beasts/insects over the weekend, why not have your child take a closer look at them so they can describe them. Do encourage the use of adjectives in the descriptions.



Please hear your child read every day and record this in their reading record. This is the single most powerful thing you can do to support their learning!

Maths – Multiplication and Division – Five Times Table

We wrap up multiplication and division by looking at the five times table and using it to solve multiplication and division problems.



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



This game contains great, quick-fire ways for children to practise doubling, halving and their 5x table which will prepare them for the knowledge we will be covering this week!

Additionally, practise counting in tens at home so children are familiar with which numbers are multiples of 5 and which aren't

Science

Unit of Learning – Living things and their Habitats.

In Science this half term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats unit. This week we will do so by exploring our school grounds looking for things that are alive, were once alive or have never been alive.

You may wish to go on a bug hunt this weekend and find things that are alive!

Bug Hunt



Have a go at this quiz about things that are living, no longer living or have never been alive.

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/science/living-things-living-non-living-or-dead/>

Geography

In geography this week the children will begin looking at what a city is in comparison to a countryside. They will be looking at the different features found in these areas e.g. transport, population etc.

Have a look at your local area or an area you visit during the holiday. Is it busy or quiet? Is there lots of transport or not much? Is it full of buildings or wide-open spaces? Take or draw some pictures and send/bring them in for us to discuss in our geography lessons this week!



PSHE

In PSHE and learning all about keeping ourselves safe. The children will discuss everyday scenarios such as crossing roads, waiting at train stations or playing games outside and learning which the best ways to do things safely are. We will then look at how we can keep safe online on the computer and discuss the school rules on making sure we **know what to do if we see something that isn't safe online.**

Design a poster for keeping safe on your way to school. This could be waiting for the traffic lights to turn green, walking with an adult or checking before you cross roads.



DT

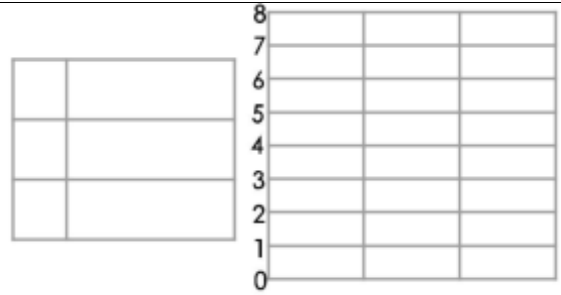
In DT this week the children will be starting their project on creating a mechanical model! They will explore how different mechanical models move and their mechanisms to inform their planning.

Have a look around your home, can you spot any mechanical toys that use levers, springs, wheels and axles? You could draw a picture of it and explain how it moves or even bring it in to show the class and we can discuss how it moves!



Computing

In computing this week the children will be learning about creating and inputting data into a computer. They will be using tally charts as their method of data collection and use this in future weeks to create an online data system.



https://app.seesaw.me/#/try/prompt/prompt.838b0126-95c1-4c99-95d0-efe069a9874e?ref=public_library

Use this online data system to put in your own data!
Could it be a representation of your families favourite food? Favourite colour? Favourite animal?

Have a great half term!

Miss Smith, Mr Neville and Mr McKinlay

The Year 2 Team