

Harvest:
Our harvest festival will be here before we know it and as part of the preparation we will look at the reasons harvest is celebrated but also what happens on different farms and where our food comes from. This will involve some non-fiction writing as well as some lovely art work.

Nocturnal animals:
As autumn draws in we will be looking at badgers and foxes and other nocturnal animals. We will focus on badgers and foxes by reading stories but also non-fiction texts and research to find out more about them.
We will be looking at different habitats and also food chains of nocturnal animals.

Migration:
Animals are not only beginning to hibernate but also migrate so we will look at the swallow and how it has a very long journey to spend winter in warmer places. This we will link in with stories as well as non-fiction texts. We will link back to Africa and look more at the animals and vegetation the swallows might see.

PATHS:
As part of PATHS the children will start to bring home their compliment sheets, please add a compliment and return them so we can share and celebrate them in class.

Please continue to hear your child read and note in their diary. We will be hearing them read individually and as part of a group.

Welcome back to the new school year and to year 2!
We are all very excited about the year to come. The children have already made an excellent start!
This term we will be focusing on the topic of 'Animals near and far'. This will cover all areas of the curriculum at different points across the half term.



Important dates for year 2:
Harvest Festival Friday 9th October
Black History week Monday 12th October
Safety Week Monday 19th October

PE will be Wednesday and Friday-please ensure that PE kit is in school every day though. This will be outside as much as possible.

If you have any books or artefacts at home that you think would fit into the topic it would be lovely for the children to bring them in and share them.

Please ensure reading books, PE kits, coats, welly boots and water bottles are in school everyday.

Safety week:
We will finish the term with a Safety week. We will be talking to the children about different aspects of keeping themselves safe. This will include e-safety, road safety, medicines and feeling safe in different situations. There will also be an Anti-bullying week later in the term.

Black History:
Black history month is coming up, in school we will focus on this for a week (12th October) The children in KS2 will look at this in more detail while KS1 will find out more through assemblies and stories.

Numeracy
We will be looking at number (including partitioning e.g. 24 is 20+4), patterns in number and calculations. We will do this through practical activities, investigations and stories.

As always please do come and see us if you need to!
Please find the homework activities for this half term on page 2. Any queries please come and ask.

Year 2 team

Homework activities to choose from- these will run all half term.

These are activities that you may choose to complete at home over the course of this half term. They are not compulsory. If you do choose to complete a Homework Activity, please bring it in on a Friday and we will aim to find time in the day to share it with the class.

- Create a fact file about a nocturnal animal (use words like habitat, food, home, life cycle).
- Create a food chain for a nocturnal animal
- Draw a plate of food for your favourite nocturnal animal
- Write a book review of a book that you have enjoyed
- Create a woodland habitat in a shoe box. Here is a picture to help!



- Draw, paint, collage (choose a medium you like) a picture of a nocturnal animal, think about the background as well as the animal!

(Templates available for fact file and book review please ask)

Please look every Friday in your child bag for their new set of spelling. Also don't forget to read, ideally for 10 minutes every day.

Thank you