



Year Two Newsletter



Welcome to Year Two

A huge, warm welcome to all of our Year Two children! We hope that your child is excited to be back at school after a wonderful summer holiday. Our Year Two team have really been enjoying getting to know the children's individual, sparkling personalities. We have been impressed with their manners and ability to adapt to the routines and expectations in Year Two.

Curriculum

This term, during our Maths lessons, Year Two will be focusing on number. They will learn about place value of 2 digit numbers, adding and subtracting (2 digit) and multiplying and dividing numbers, particularly those in the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. Children will then apply this knowledge to solve problems. We are keen to allow the children to develop their maths understanding, by exploring a range of methods and apparatus.

In the Autumn term, the Year Two children will have the opportunity to explore a range of writing such as fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will begin the term with our fiction focus books 'Splat Says Thank You!' by Rob Scotton and 'No-Bot the Robot' by Sue Hendra. Following this, the children will be immersed in our Non-Fiction text called 'This is how we do it' by Matt Lamothe as well as our exciting poetry focus book 'A First Poetry Book' by Pie Corbett, where they will have the opportunity to really use their imaginations! We will be taking part in many discussions, drama and writing activities based on these texts.

We are looking forward to covering a broad range of curriculum subjects, where children will be able to get hands on and discover their talents and passions, during the Autumn term. In Art, we will be focusing on drawing, sketching and creating sculptures using food, which links to our inspirational artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. During Design and Technology lessons, we will be concentrating on learning the knowledge and skills required to design, make and evaluate products with a slider mechanism, in order to make our final product of a card. In our computing lessons, we will be learning about the importance of E-Safety as well as how to code. In History, we will enjoy discovering about The First Flight, Queen Elizabeth II and the development of transport and communication over time. In Geography, we will be learning all about the World's continents and oceans, the weather and taking part in fieldwork of the school grounds. Throughout everything we do in Year Two and in particular in our Personal Development lessons, we are going to be learning how to be SUPERB citizens!

Habits of Mind

This term we are introducing our school community to the **Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa** – a set of thinking dispositions that help children become confident, capable, and resilient learners. The first habit we are focusing on is **Striving for Accuracy**. This means encouraging pupils to check their work carefully, take pride in doing their best, and recognise that effort and persistence make a real difference. At school, we are supporting children to slow down, reflect, and improve their work step by step. You can encourage this habit at home too by praising your child's effort when they take extra care, whether it's finishing homework neatly, building something carefully, or even helping in the kitchen. Together, we can help our learners see the value in aiming for accuracy and taking pride in doing things well.

Striving for accuracy

Check it again!



- ✓ Doing your best.
- ✓ Setting high standards.
- ✓ Fact checking.
- ✓ Finding ways to improve.



Website Reminder

We will be updating our website with useful information regarding dates and activities. To access this information, including pictures and videos of the children learning, visit the Year Two page on the academy website. Find us at: www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 2.

Social Media Reminder

We are regularly updating our school media account, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to! Please also send pictures of children's personal achievements in and we will endeavour to post these on our page too.



Spellings and Times Tables

Each week, your child will be given a list of ten spellings to learn which will be assessed each Thursday. Please support your child by helping them to learn these words so that they can apply this knowledge within their reading, writing and curriculum subjects. At home, children will be able to improve their times tables knowledge, speed and accuracy through the website www.ttrockstars.com You can find your child's TTRockstars log in, in their home school contact book. Please ask if you have any questions further to the parent introduction letter.



P.E.

Year Two P.E. lessons will be every **Tuesday (2LR and 2SV)**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days, in line with the school P.E kit policy (found in the home school contact book). Jewellery must be removed prior to the P.E. session for health and safety reasons. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Water Reminder

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch, a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

Dates for your Diary

PE: Every **Tuesday (2LR and 2SV)**

Spelling: Every Friday

KIRF homework: Every fortnight

Kindest regards,
The Year Two Teaching Team