

Binstead Primary School Curriculum Leaflet

Year 2 Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back in to the last half of this term fantastically well.

This is always a busy and exciting time of year, with lots going on. You should all now have received a note about costumes for the KS1 Nativity, which is new to the traditions of Binstead School! Any questions about this, please let us know.

I am currently trying to arrange a visit from our brilliant local historian, Estelle Baker, who will deliver a workshop in support of our new 'Monarchs' topic. Please look out for further details.

We are also in the process of getting the children set up with their own Times Tables Rock Stars logins, as many children are keen to practise. Alongside this, Coconut Multiples is another free online game that is great for times tables practise. This is on the Topmarks website, which has lots of other interactive games to play.

Many thanks,

Mrs Dunford.



**PE days are currently
Tuesdays and Fridays.**

Maths

In this half term, the children start by practising addition and subtraction skills, within the context of money.

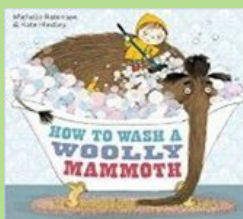
Following this, we begin a unit on multiplication and division, with a focus on counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, and understanding what multiplication and division means, including the difference between grouping and sharing.

We also have a unit based on fractions and geometry, revisiting the properties of some common 2-D and 3-D shapes, and being able to find lines of symmetry, as well as halves and quarters of 2-D shape. We finish with a unit all about statistics, exploring tally charts and pictograms.

English

We have now started our daily Year 2 spelling sessions, which are part of the Little Wandle phonics programme. The children have got into a good routine and have been working really hard on this.

At the moment, we are basing our written activities on the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. This will lead to writing a set of instructions, recognising and using the features and vocabulary commonly used in instructional texts.



After this, we will be exploring the books 'Meerkat Mail' and 'Meerkat Christmas', and our writing will include an information piece about meerkats, as well as a postcard.

At home, please continue to listen to your children read as much as possible—it really makes a huge difference! Also a reminder that the 'reading for pleasure' class library books come back to school on Fridays, ready to exchange.

Curriculum

In Science, the children will be investigating materials. This will include recognising different types and why they might be suited to particular purposes.

We are starting a topic in History called 'Monarchs'. This involves finding out about some of our significant Kings and Queens, past and present, and what the role of a monarch is in society.

In Design & Technology, the children will be designing and making their own pizzas.