

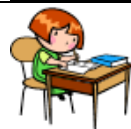
Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school after the Summer break. We are looking forward to the busy and exciting term ahead!

Staffing in Year 2:

Miss Mulqueen (Bluebell)	Miss Kenny (TA)	Mrs Cinca (TA)
Miss Carroll (Holly)	Miss Stemarthe (TA)	



In **English**, we will start the year focusing on our place value of punctuation and grammar scheme of work. This will focus on common and proper nouns, pronouns, action and being verbs, conjunctions, and clauses.

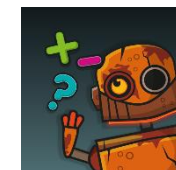
We will apply this learning to our future texts, starting with a non-chronological report on minibeasts. Our focus will be to analyse and identify key parts of a non-chronological report, before moving onto writing our own. We will also be completing our daily phonics lessons, spelling, and handwriting practice.

In our **Maths** lessons this term we will be developing the children's understanding of place value, addition and subtraction and shape. The children will also be practising their mental arithmetic and problem-solving skills.

The children will have the opportunity to use a range of resources to help support their learning and to underpin their mathematical thinking.



We are also putting a greater focus on Numbots this year, and will be encouraging the children to play this to consolidate and strengthen their number knowledge. We can't wait for them to get all of their certificates!



Geography/History

Our Geography topic this term is 'Hot and Cold places'. We will be locating the continents, describing the climate of each one and exploring the animals that live there. We will be exploring the ways in which different animals adapt to live in hot and cold places.



Science

Our **Science** topics this term include animals needs for survival, humans, materials and sustainability. We will be making bird feeders, creating mini ponds and exploring a range of materials. We will be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and the key things that all animals need to survive.



Our History topic is 'How was school different in the past?' We will consider what has stayed the same and what has changed in schools over time. We will be recognising different ways in which the past is represented.



R.E

This term we will be learning about the holy books of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. We will explore how people believe that these books were presented in each religion, and compare their messages of love, kindness, and respect. We will then look at how these religions promote caring for ourselves and caring for others. This includes looking after our planet, personal hygiene and looking after our mental wellbeing.

PE

P.E is on Monday and Wednesday for both Bluebell and Holly Class.

The children will need to wear their full PE kit, including trainers, for the days they do P.E.

The topics we will be looking at this term are fundamentals, gymnastics, ball skills and team building.



Computing

In **Computing**, we will explore IT in the world around us. First, we will identify what 'IT' is and then move on to where we see it in school and in the world. We will look at the benefits of IT and how to use it safely. Then we will look at how we can use IT to create music. We will use Chrome Music Lab to create different types of digital music.



Homework

Your child will be given one piece of homework in their pink folder each Friday. This will alternate English and Maths, and may occasionally have something topic based. This should be completed and returned to school by **WEDNESDAY** ready to be marked.

We also ask children to be playing Numbots and reading at home.

Reading:

Children that are still working withing the RWI phonics scheme will have books matched to their level sent home and changed once a week. They will also have an additional book of their choosing which they are able to change as they please. Children that have finished the RWI scheme are able to choose their own books and change when they are ready.

Please ensure you are reading with your child every day and that this is being recorded. Their reading folder should be returned to school every day. The children will receive rewards in school for reading at home such as certificates, stickers and badges.

Values

Our values remain important to us here at Ramridge, as we are very proud of being a values accredited school! We look to encompass these in everything we do, inside and outside school. 😊

September – **Respect**

October – **Responsibility**

November – **Patience**

December – **Generosity**

Please remember to regularly visit our class pages on the school website www.ramridge.co.uk and follow us on X [@RamridgePrimary](https://twitter.com/RamridgePrimary) and Facebook.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation, if you have any questions please feel free to come and see us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Carroll and Miss Mulqueen

