



Supporting Your Child in Year 2

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! I sincerely hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that you managed to enjoy some good weather.

So, a new academic year has started, and we have an exciting and eventful autumn term ahead of us; full of fun and purposeful learning experiences. I'm sure all the children are ready and raring to go, as we work through our next term in year 2! I know I'm looking forward to it very much!

There are so many useful resources available on our website, so why not take a look at all of the wonderful learning opportunities that Glenmere has to offer.

Here is an overview of what we are covering this Autumn Term in Year 2 so that you can support your child.

English

This term we will have a focus on instructions, non-chronological reports, and poetry using our whole school 'Talk for Writing' approach. We will be working hard with our spelling and grammar skills too to help support our writing.

Here are some useful websites that you could visit with your children to support their English work :



Instructions:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/z2ds82p>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgqxwnb/articles/zfrcmfr>

Spelling and grammar:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/z9wvqhv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvqg4qt/articles/z8dqv9q>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr>

<https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/planning-and-resources/year-2/apostrophes/possessive-apostrophe>

Poetry:

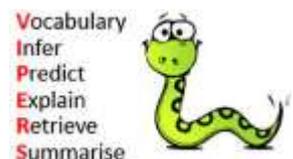
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z28y6q8>

Vipers (reading skills)

It is essential to ensure that the children understand what they are reading and can make opinions about the text and characters.

Remember to log onto the app to record the reading as the children love to score enough points for extra playtime!



- Enjoy stories together - reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read. They will learn how to use expressive voices and pause at the right places.
- All reading is valuable - it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.

Helpful reading questions to support your child:

- *Can you make a prediction? What do you think this book will be about?*
- *Can you find a page of the story you liked/didn't like? Why?*
- *What was happening at the beginning of the story?*
- *Why did (a character) behave in this way?*

Book list:

Some key year 2 text recommendations: **(there is a comprehensive list on year 2's page on the school website)**

- The day the crayons quit/The day the crayons came home
- Gorilla by Anthony Brown
- Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs.
- Captain Underpants books
- The First Encyclopaedia of Science
- Mog time - Mog the forgetful cat
- Mr Wolf's pancakes

Author of the half term

This term our authors will be Oliver Jeffers and Jill Tomlinson, and we will be using these books in our vipers lessons and as story books for reading for pleasure.

Why not take a look using these websites!

<http://www.oliverjeffersworld.com/>

https://openlibrary.org/authors/OL1755933A/Jill_Tomlinson



Maths

This term in maths we will learning about place value, addition and subtraction, and shape .

The children will also be tackling problem solving and reasoning activities related to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Examples of these questions can be seen on the Year 2 class page of our website.

At home you can help your child by:

- Breaking numbers into tens and ones
- Give the children sums with missing numbers to solve: e.g. $20 - _ = 14$ or $_ + 15 = 27$ or challenging word problems.
- Practice solving word problems with your child. these are always the thing they struggle on the most!

Here are some useful websites for you to explore:

<http://www.ictgames.com/weight.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/mostlyPostie/index.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=WhatFractionv3>

<https://www.timestables.com/rally.html>

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

<https://www.timestables.com/multiplication-cat.html>

Goegrphy

Our geography this term is called 'Would you rather live in a hot or cold place?' and each week we will be using maps, globes and atlases to locate continents, countries. We will also look at compass points, the North and South poles and the equator.

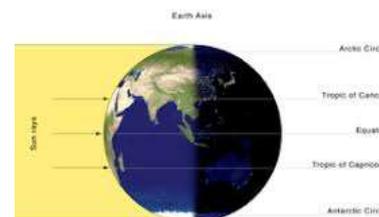
Here are some useful websites to explore with your child.

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/World_Continents.htm

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/geography/continents-of-the-world/>

http://www.softschools.com/social_studies/continents/map.jsp

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zndc96f/articles/zrm98hv>



History

Our history will be learning about the nurses in the Crimea, with a particular focus on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

Take a look at these websites to help with learning:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/florence-nightingale/>

<https://www.maryseacoletrust.org.uk/learn-about-mary/>

<https://www.historyhit.com/facts-about-mary-seacole/>

<https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/florence-nightingale-biography/>



Science

We will learning about materials and investigating the properties of everyday materials and their uses. We will carry out investigations to answer enquiry questions and explain what we have learned

Here are some useful habitat websites:

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Material>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/science/materials-choosing-the-right-material/>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/science/materials-different-materials-for-different-jobs/>

<https://wordwall.net/resource/2950831/materials-year-2>



Computing and ICT

This term our units will be 'What is IT?' where we will look at the different uses of information technology in our world. We will also look at digital photography and learn about taking a photograph in the best possible way.

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/computing/uses-of-a-computer/>

<https://k8schoollessons.com/name-the-parts-of-a-computer-activity-1/>



Religious Education

In year 2, we enjoy learning about different religions and beliefs because it helps us to be respectful and good citizens. We will be focusing on Christianity this term.

We will be learning about what Christians believe about the creation of the world in the first half term and about the Jewish religion and some of their beliefs and celebrations.

P.E

The children will continue to have a range of PE sessions. They will have tennis sessions with a coach, athletics with a coach, as well as dance lessons and learning about fundamental skills. We will also have active maths sessions each week and active English lessons. It is therefore ESSENTIAL that your child's kit is at school all week. Can you also please NAME your child's kit as it is all very similar and hard to return to its owner with no name inside; this will support yourselves in not to always replace kit.



More able / Children who require more support

In the year 2 classroom, there are children with a variation of different needs which is supported by differentiated lessons and activities to meet these needs. Here are some problem-solving activities to support the more able:

- <https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/29243>

Children who are on the SEN register or require more support also have provisions in place for their learning. Here are some resources to support these children:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/> - this website has many different sources to support children with SEN.

Art and DT

This term we will be getting creative in art with our drawing unit. We will be sketching and also using charcoal. In DT in the second half term we will be looking at healthy, balanced diets and making our own healthy wrap.

Personal Development including PSHE

In our personal development we will be thinking about being welcoming and having confidence using the books, 'How to be a Lion' and 'Can I join your club?'. We will be understanding differences and similarities between people in our British Values lessons. In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about relationships and families and health and wellbeing. We will also have our weekly Primary News assemblies to keep us up to date with important topics and having discussions about them.



Homework

This term sees the start of our new learning platform 'Doodle Learning'. It's really important that your child works independently, as the app learns your child's areas of strength and weaknesses so that it can calibrate to the right level for each user. Once the baseline assessment is complete, simply open the app and start answering questions. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

*Thank you for your support.
Mrs. Siddons*