

Friday 12th September 2025

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2 Autumn Term 2025!

During this term we will be learning the following curriculum areas:

English

Phonics – We will be continuing with our Phonics scheme called ‘Little Wandle’ to learn their phonic sounds and tricky words, the children are familiar with the scheme and this will continue to build on their prior knowledge of sounds and blends they learnt in Year 1.

Handwriting – In Year 2 the children will learn to join their handwriting. We will follow the scheme ‘Letter Join’.

Writing – As a school we are following the ‘Hampshire’ scheme for writing. Y2 will have four key focus texts: ‘The Hundred Decker Bus’ and ‘Shark in the Dark’ as well as ‘Toby and the Great Fire of London’ and ‘Vlad and the Great Fire of London’ which will link with our history topic.

Reading – Children will take part in 5 group reading sessions per week.

Maths – Children will develop skills using number for place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication and division (2x, 5x and 10 x table facts). Children will also learn to read and write numbers in words and numerals to 100. Additionally, children will learn to measure length and height and interpret statistics.

Science – Our focus topics will be ‘Plants’ and ‘Materials’. In the ‘Plants’ topic, children will observe and describe different seeds, bulbs, plants and flowers. In the ‘Materials’ topic, children will learn to identify and compare a range of materials.

Topic – Our topic this term will be ‘The Great Fire of London’.

Geography – Our topic this term will be ‘London and the United Kingdom’.

Computing – Computing will be taught by our ICT specialist Mr Rebours. Children will learn about physical computing and coding (using Bee-Bots and similar), creating digital books and photography.

Art – Art will be taught by our Art specialist Mrs Hopley. Children will create art inspired by the Great Fire of London, Eric Carle and make 3D Paper Mache Crayon sculptures.

Religious Education – Year 2 are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness and exploring how this makes Christians behave towards other people. We will also focus on ‘Christmas’.

Emotional Health – This term, we will be learning to recognise different emotions and ways of dealing with our emotions.

Music – Music will be taught by our Music specialist Mrs Arnett. Children will explore the themes of ‘The Great Fire of London’ and ‘Christmas’ through singing, movement and instrumental playing.

Design Technology – This term, we will be learning about ‘Food Technology’. We will design, make and evaluate some party food.

P.E – PE sessions are led by our sports teachers Mr Newton & Mr Catney. The children will focus on throwing and catching, fundamental movement skills and racket skills. The children will also be taught ‘Dance’ by Mr Lewis.

P.E/Dance lessons will be on the following days:

Miss MacMinn – Monday (PE), Tuesday (Dance), Thursday (PE)

Miss Roberts - Monday (PE), Tuesday (Dance), Thursday (PE)

Please ensure your child arrives to school on all P.E/Dance days in a named school kit; including yellow T-shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit and trainers.

French - Year 2 will learn French with our French specialist Mrs Morrison for ½ hour per week. Basic language skills will be taught such as numbers, colours, animals and greetings.

Rights Respecting School - As a 'Rights Respecting School', we will be discussing the rights of the child across the curriculum and within the school environment.

Key Vocabulary for Core Subjects

Maths: Number, place value, counting, ordering, greater than, less than, equal to, deans, ones, tens, hundreds, addition, subtraction, inverse, altogether, minus, difference, times, multiplied by, arrays, shared by, divided by, groups, equal, value, length, height, measure, tally chart, pictogram, bar chart.

English: Infer, predict, compare, record, discuss, vocabulary, adjectives, purpose, past tense, apostrophes, diary, point of view, edit, refine, publish.

Science:

Plants - Seeds, bulbs, flower, grow, sunlight, soil, water, warmth, nutrients, observe, identify, classify.

Materials - Plastic, cardboard, wool, metal, slate, glass, hard, soft, bendy, smooth, rough, light, hard, solid, liquid, gas, melt, waterproof, recycling, upcycling, manmade, synthetic, natural, compare.

Homework

Reading

Children will bring home one reading book per week. Please ensure your child's reading book/folder is in their bag every Monday in order for their book to be changed. Please record in their Yellow Reading Record each time they read.

Maths

Children are requested to access Numbots (for number bonds practice) and Timestables Rockstars (for times tables practice - 2x, 5x and 10x table only) at least 3 times per week for 10 minutes. Login details are the same as Year 1 - please email your child's class teacher if you are unsure re. login details.

Additional important information

Your child should bring the following to school on a daily basis:

- Book bag
- Lunchbox, snack and named water bottle
- Plastic wallet with reading book and yellow journal (on a Monday)


Please also let your child's teacher know if they are going to be collected from school by somebody other than a parent.

Meet the Teacher

On Thursday 18th September (6pm-7.30pm), we would like to invite you in to school to meet your child's class teacher. This will be a further opportunity to find out about the year ahead and ask any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Teachers:



Miss MacMinn (s.macminn@platdouet.sch.je)
Miss Roberts (e.roberts@platdouet.sch.je)

Additional Staff:

Miss Woods (2M), Miss Guilmour (2M) and Miss Davies (2M)
Mrs Good (2R) and Mrs Rees (2R)

KS1 Phase Lead:

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