



## Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2022

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Miss  
Humphreys



Mrs  
Warren



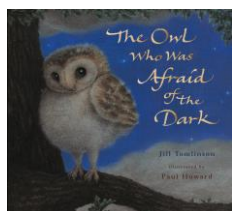
Miss Lewis



Mrs Abdillahi



Miss  
Browne



### Topic Overview & Key Text

The book that will lead our learning this half term is 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark focuses on Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, who is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets lots of different people who help him to think differently.*

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on **addition and subtraction** and **shape**. We will continue to practise and consolidate number skills from Year 1, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and will learn new skills such as adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. We will continue to explore problem solving and reasoning maths questions throughout all of our topics.

### Writing

In this topic the children will be exploring how to write their own journey story with a focus on setting descriptions. Building on Year 1 learning, we will continue to work on good sentence structure and consistent use of punctuation. We will be continuing our work on

how to use expanded noun phrases to describe and the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to join sentences.

### Reading

All children will attend daily reading lessons, where we will continue to use phonic strategies to decode, build our reading fluency and practise our comprehension skills, either through 'Whole Class Reading' lessons or the 'Read, Write, Inc.' programme.



Your child will be issued with a new reading book every Tuesday and Friday. Children are expected to read their book at home every day and reading records should be signed at least three times a week.

**Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in their bag every day.**

### Homework

Maths homework will be set online. We will continue to use SeeSaw to set homework. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Reading should take place each day.

### Year 2

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

**Science:** 'Living things and their habitats' – We will be learning about where animals live in the natural world and how to classify different animals.

**Art:** 'Feathers' – We will learn how to observe and sketch feathers using different pencils.

**History:** 'The Gunpowder Plot' – We will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

**PSHE:** 'Mental and Emotional Health' – There will be a focus on understanding others' feelings and how to stay safe online.



## Year 2 Routines

| <b>Mondays</b>                       | <b>Tuesdays</b> | <b>Wednesdays</b>  | <b>Thursdays</b> | <b>Fridays</b>                          |
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| Spellings<br>uploaded onto<br>Seesaw |                 | PE – please bring<br>trainers and PE<br>kit<br><br>Homework<br>completed |                  | Homework<br>uploaded<br><br>Green Treat |

School closes for the half term break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at 8:40am.

**Key dates:**

8<sup>th</sup> November Year 2 parent reading workshop.

18<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day. Dress in spots!

30<sup>th</sup> November Year 2 trip to Chill Factore.

7<sup>th</sup> December Year 2 Christmas assembly for parents.

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.