



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

Welcome to Year 2



Year 2 Staff

Mrs S Marchini	Class Teacher and Year Leader
Miss L Grant	Class Teacher
Mrs J Whiteman	Additional Teacher
Mrs D Pledger	Trainee Teacher

Mrs L Reynolds	Teaching Assistant
Miss S Dawson	Teaching Assistant

Autumn Term

Year Two Newsletter

Dear Parents

We hope everyone had a good break over the summer holidays ready for an exciting year ahead. We would like to fill you in on a few details regarding Year 2. We would appreciate it if you could help the children to develop their independence by allowing them to come into the building on their own to put their belongings away ready for the day. Should you wish to speak to one of us, please do so before 8.45am or at the end of the school day.

Subject Overviews

English

The children will begin this term's work focusing on healthy food. They will read and share books on vegetables, build on their understanding of recipes and read poems about food. They will find out about and discuss healthy eating. The children will learn how to write a set of instructions for a recipe. They will continue to use phonics for decoding and we will encourage them to use their learned spellings in their writing. In our Grammar and Punctuation lessons we will be working on sentence structure as well as noun phrases and imperative verbs.

After half-term we will read and discuss Fairy Tales and begin to identify the features of this genre. There will be discussion about the characters in, and the setting of, the stories. Our writing will concentrate on the past tense.

Maths

The children will build on the Maths concepts learned in Year 1 using the Singapore Maths No Problem programme. They will continue to have their own Maths journal to record their mathematical thinking. We will cover topics such as place value in numbers to 100, addition and subtraction, number bonds to 10 and 20 and multiplication and division.

Science

During our Science lessons, the children will be discussing different materials and thinking about their properties, where they come from and how they are used. In addition to identifying a range of materials they will also compare the suitability of everyday materials for different purposes. Furthermore, we will investigate how we can change certain materials and determine which materials are natural and which materials have to be manufactured. During Autumn 2, the children will discuss the differences between plants and animals. As part of this unit of work, they will investigate the similarities and differences between seeds and observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

Events

**Tuesday 12th
September**

Visit from Florence
Nightingale
(Tempus Fugit
Educational
Theatre)

**Tuesday 3rd &
Wednesday 4th
October**

Parents' Meetings

**Wednesday 18th &
Thursday 19th
October**

Individual School
Photographs

**Thursday 19th
October**

Spooky Disco

Friday 20th October
Harvest Festival

**Friday 3rd
November**

FONHS Bonfire Night

**Week Commencing 6th
November**

Life Education Centre

**Tuesday 14th
November**

Visit to the
Northampton Shoe and
Boot
Museum

**Thursday 8th
December**

KS1 Christmas
Production

**Wednesday 13th
December**

Whole School
Christmas Lunch

Key Information

Water Bottles

Please send your
child into school with
a named
water bottle for them
to drink from
throughout the day.

Subject Overviews

Computing

In Computing this term the children will be using software that enables them to research the life of Florence Nightingale. The children will then be making a presentation to share with the rest of the class.

Humanities

In our History lessons we will be learning about the life of a famous person from the past (Florence Nightingale) and comparing her life and experiences in the Crimea with those of Mary Seacole, another nurse who spent time on the battlefields. After half term we will be exploring the history of the shoe industry in Northampton.

In RE we will be learning about People in Christianity and thinking about people who inspire us and how Jesus has inspired Christians. We will focus on St Francis of Assisi and learn about the story of his life. Towards Christmas we will discuss the true meaning of this time of year.

PSHE

We will begin the Autumn Term in PSHE by looking at the Golden Rules and the importance of everyone working together as a team. We will also be discussing how to make the class and playground a safe and fair place where all children feel they belong. As the term progresses, we will be discussing ways to help children feel better when they are sad or anxious and looking at ways to resolve problems. Additionally the children will take part in group activities, where they will have the opportunity to work on their collaboration skills and evaluate their role in team situations.

PE

In PE this term we will be exploring different ways of travelling. The children will be trying out different footwork patterns and working together to try and improve their movements. The children will also be developing their personal, coordination and collaboration skills.

Swimming lessons will take place every week for Year 2 on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the correct swimming kit in school and that they can get dried and changed after swimming. Mrs Marchini's class will leave at 1pm to swim at 1.30pm and Miss Grant's class will leave at 1.30pm to swim at 2.00pm. We would appreciate if you could sign up to help with walking to and from the pool.

Y2 Swimming starts on Monday 25th September 2017.

The Arts

Art

We will be focusing on artwork from different cultures and looking at the processes and visual elements that have been used. Inspired by the work we will then create our own individual and collaborative pieces.

Music

In Music this term we will be focusing on singing songs and chants. We will begin by learning our Harvest song and then later on, learn songs ready for Christmas.

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