



Welcome to Year 2



September  
2023

Welcome



What to expect this year...

# Daily Timetable

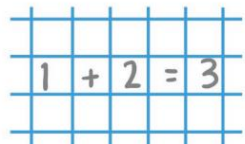
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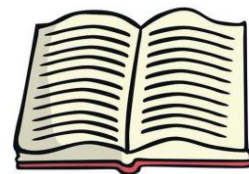
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Assembly



Lunchtime



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Reading



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Story



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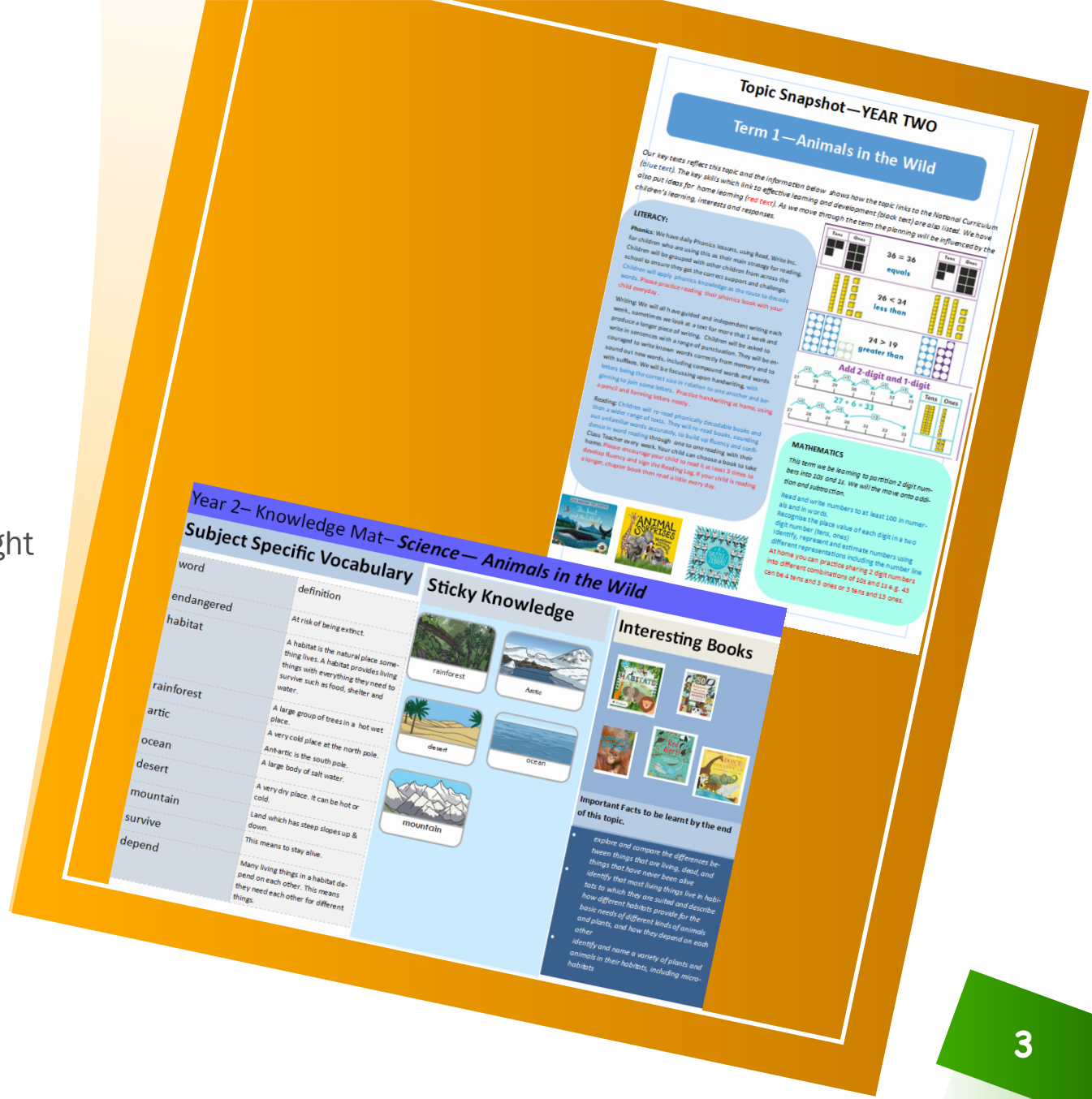
# Learning this term

## Year 2 newsletter

- Provides you with a brief summary about what will be taught in each subject area this term.
- It has been e-mailed out to all Year 2 Parents and Carers.

## Knowledge Organisers

- Further information linked to each subject area e.g. key vocabulary, key facts, interesting books etc.
- Please see our website for these



# Phonics

## Read Write Inc.

- Children are taught phonics for 30 minutes, 5 times a week through a programme called Read Write Inc (RWI).
- As we teach RWI across the school, your child will go to the appropriate group for their current level and next steps.
- Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:
  1. Read letters by their 'sounds'
  2. Blend these sounds into words
  3. Read the words in a story.
- Please attend the 'Reading at home/phonics' workshop at 2.40pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to find out more about the teaching of reading at our school.
- When children move on from RWI, they will take part in other reading activities including comprehension



**Read Write Inc.**

# Spellings

## Weekly Spelling

- Children will be given 8-10 spellings to learn every week.
- These spellings will have a rule e.g. When to use 'y' to make the 'i' sound.
- They will have their spelling test on a Monday

To help children learn their spellings, ready for their spelling test, we suggest practicing 4 times a week.

pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil, metal, pedal, capital, hospital,  
animal, oval

To be tested on  
Monday 28th November

Year 2 Team

Look at it  Cover it  Write it  Check it 

cry			
fly			
dry			
try			
reply			
sly			
shy			
terrify			
sky			
multiply			

Choose one of the words and write a sentence below...

# Reading

Please read at home with your child everyday and sign their reading log. Children will be rewarded with house points for reading at home.

You can make a comment if you would like or you can just put your initials to show you have listened to them read.

You will also find a phonic checklist in the reading log and a list of common exception words to practice.

The image shows a reading log notebook with the following sections:

Date	Book and page number	Comments

Tricky words, or words to practise


New sounds I have spotted (eg night rain)


By reading your own books at home, or from the library, and making a note of them on the tables on last three pages of the reading log, your child will also receive a gift. They just have to fill these pages with the titles of books they have read which show they have gone above and beyond just reading the allocated book given to them by their Class Teacher.

# Reading

Children will make a lot of progress in year 2. We know that practicing everyday makes a huge difference!

## Summerhill Infant School



Year group and Term	RWI Colour (age related expectation)
Reception T1	Sound
Reception T2	Ditties
Reception T3	Red
Reception T4	Green
Reception T5	Purple
Reception T6	Purple
Year 1 T1	Pink
Year 1 T2	Pink
Year 1 T3	Orange
Year 1 T4	Orange
Year 1 T5	Yellow
Year 1 T6	Blue
	Grey

## Beyond Read Write Inc.

	PM Level
	Orange
	Turquoise
Year 2 T1	Purple
Year 2 T2	Purple
Year 2 T3	Gold
Year 2 T4	Gold
Year 2 T5	White
Year 2 T6	White
	Lime

## Fossils

Fossils are shapes of dead animals and plants that lived millions of years ago made in rock. Usually when something dies it is eaten or decays and disappears. However, when an animal or plant dies it can get covered over and, over millions of years, become a fossil.

### Dinosaurs

- Fossils are really important to know what happened a long time ago.
- Without fossils we would not even know that dinosaurs existed!
- People who study fossils are called palaeontologists.
- Palaeontologists started studying fossils 200 years ago, so we've only known about dinosaurs for 200 years!



### Did You Know...?

- 'Sue' is the nickname given to the most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex specimen ever found.
- The word 'fossil' comes from an old word 'fossilis', meaning 'dug up'.
- Fossils are only found in sedimentary rock.
- The fossils in the pictures are called ammonites. It is the town symbol for Whitby in North Yorkshire. Whitby is good for fossil hunting and long ago, people thought that the ammonites were snakes turned to stone by St. Hilda!

### How a Fossil is Made

When a plant or animal dies, their body can sink into mud or be buried by sand. This usually happens at the bottom of the sea. When this happens it doesn't disappear. When it is underground, water and minerals leak into the bones and where bits of body used to be. This makes a hard shape. Next, the fossil gets squashed under more layers of sand, mud and other bits that make sedimentary rock. Finally, over many, many millions of years a fossil is created for someone to dig up one day.

## Fossils Questions

- How long have we known about dinosaurs? Tick **one**.
  - 200 million years
  - 200 thousand years
  - 200 years
  - 200 days
- What is the name of a person who studies fossils?  
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- What is the nickname of the best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton? Tick **one**.
  - Sam
  - Sue
  - Sylvia
  - Sandra
- Fossils got their name from the old word **fossilis** which is an old word meaning... Tick **one**.
  - fossils
  - dug up
  - buried
  - old
- Tick the boxes to say whether the sentences are true or false.

	True	False
Some people used to think ammonites were snakes turned into stone.		
Whitby is a town in South Yorkshire.		
Fossils can't be made under the sea.		
Fossils take millions of years to make.		

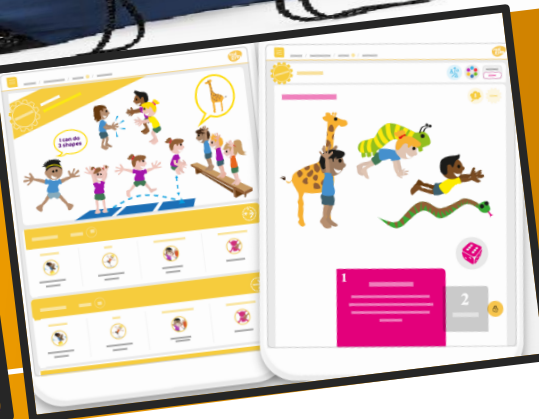
- Why weren't fossilised animals or plants eaten by other animals?  
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- The author used an exclamation mark at the end of the **Did You Know...?** section to make it sound surprising. Why is that sentence surprising?  
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# P.E.

Physical Education is 2 x a week on Monday and Friday afternoons.

We do a combination of Real P.E. to teach different physical skills, along with dance, yoga and games.

Please Label all P.E. kits with children's names.







# Parent Helpers

If you might be available to help in class or with other events, please let us know.


Parent helpers are incredibly valued by the school.

Help in class – could you spare 1hr a week to listen to children read?

Help with learning – do you have a particular skill – cooking, art, building – that you would like to share with the children?

Help on trips – trips can only go ahead with enough adults to ensure that children are kept safe.

Please visit the office to pick up a form to fill in to become a parent helper.



**Don't worry –  
we know there  
is a lot of new  
information.**

We will have meetings  
throughout the year to share  
more information.

Remember, the next meeting,  
which is about Reading and  
Phonics, is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October at 2.40pm.



Thank You!

The Year 2 team