Castle Primary School
Aim High

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026

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Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you had a lovely half term break. This term we have lots of exciting learning ahead. Below is an overview of what we will be the curriculum.

PE – Ball Skills

We will be having a coach coming to our lessons to teach us a variety of ball skills.



English

We will be using the texts *Tidy*, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and *The Snowman* to write a range of sentences and persuasive writing.



Maths

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction up to 100. New topics will include money and an introduction to multiplication and division which will continue in the New Year.



Computing

We will be using an app called Daisy the Dinosaur as we begin to learn how to code in order to animate Daisy.



RE

Our learning for this unit will focus on light. We will be thinking and reflecting on how a candle can be used as a symbol and then linking this to how light is used in various religions including the celebrations of Advent and Hanukkah.



PSHE

We will be learning about healthy eating and how to take care of our teeth.



Music

Our learning will focus on singing and how we use our voices when performing. We will then use this when performing our nativity story.



Art

We will be looking at a range of collage techniques to create bonfire and firework pictures.



Science

We will continue to look at what animals need to survive, how they get their food and also animal and human hygiene.



DT

We will begin by looking at a range of hand and finger puppets before designing and making our own. The children will be learning some basic sewing skills and techniques.



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How you can help your child at home...

Small steps make a big difference!

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Be a reader...



- Please read regularly with your child at home and enjoy a range of books or other texts (e.g. comics, websites, instructions).
- Read with fluency and expression (prosody).
- Spend time discussing the content, such as the plot, characters and settings.
- Make predictions about what might happen next.
- Encourage them to read different types of books, including those on Sora.

Be a mathematician...



- Encourage your child to practise adding and subtracting amounts when shopping and work out the change.
- You can also support their learning by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in everyday situations.
- Talk about money and use coins when shopping or at home.
- Play simple multiplication games (e.g. doubling numbers).

Be a writer...



- If your child has enjoyed a particular day out, encourage them to create a scrapbook to recount what they did and develop their writing skills.
- Encourage them to use conjunctions (and, but, because) to join their ideas.
- Support them with their spellings and help them to use their phonics knowledge.

Find out more...

Why not visit BBC Bitesize to learn more about Advent and Hannukah as part of our RE topic work.



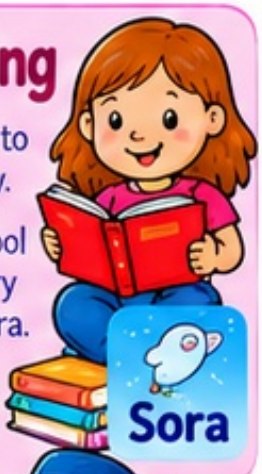
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Homework in Year 2



- Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home and practises their spellings for the weekly test.
- Your child has a reading book and a library book from school.
- They also have a login to the Hampshire Sora app, which is an online library with a wide selection of eBooks and audio books.

Regular reading



- Encourage your child to read a little every day.
- This can be their school reading book, a library book or a book on Sora.
- Read together and talk about the story.



