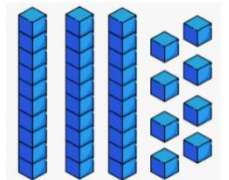


Class 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Autumn curriculum 2025

Maths: In maths lessons we will be focusing on number work, learning about our number system and place value. Year 1 up to 20 and year 2 up to 100. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction strategies. Later in the term we will begin a geometry topic where we will be recognising, naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

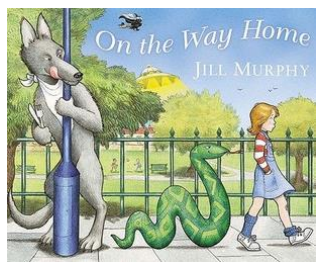


English: All year we will be learning to read and spell the Common Exception words. These are a specific set of words per year group, many of which do not follow the usual spelling rules or contain a 'tricky' part.



In order for children's work to be plausible, handwriting is key and we will have handwriting sessions at least twice a week, focusing on forming lower-case and capital letters in the cursive style. A letter is also attached for children to access Letter Join.

We will begin by reading 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy and looking at the different features of the story. We will also be looking at inferring characters' feelings, sequencing events and answering questions based on what we have read. We will also be creating labels, lists and captions using simple sentences for a new part of the story. We are learning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops correctly to extend our writing, including the correct formation of our letters when writing. During the second half of the term, we will return to an author the children are familiar with from last year; Julia Donaldson. We will be learning about worms linked to the fiction text 'Superworm' and performing parts of the story, as well as using the non-fiction text 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French to help us to write instructions, questions and facts about these wriggly creatures.



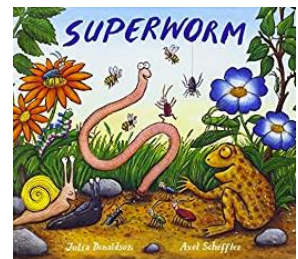
Science: Our science topic this term is animals including humans. We will be looking at the human body and senses, stages of life and our basic needs. We will even compare ourselves to worms!

Topic: (history and geography) Our topics in these subjects link together brilliantly this term as we will be looking at human and physical features, particularly these in our local environment. Our local environment includes Levens Hall and our history topic is the history of Levens Hall.

PE: In Autumn 1 Miss Heaton will teach gymnastics, and Robbie will be teaching the key fundamental movement skills.

Computing: This term we will be learning about technology around us!

RE: Our whole school Christian Value is 'Peace' this term. There will also be learning linked to harvest, creation and Christmas.



DT: We will be using our science learning about human needs and nutrition to plan and prepare a healthy meal as part of our DT work.

Art: As well as expressing ourselves and exploring different media in our creative area, we will also be using drawing and painting to develop and share our ideas and experiences including producing self-portraits and observational drawings linked to our history topic of Levens Hall.

Music: This term there will be lots of singing and listening and we will be learning how to use our voices expressively and creatively exploring different patterns within music.

SCARF: In SCARF we will be learning about our feelings and how to be a good friend to others.



Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Who will help us learn?

Miss Heaton will teach Class 2 with the support of Miss Rockcliffe, Miss Manderson, Miss Butler, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Court and Mrs Mason. Mrs Mason and Robbie will teach class 2 on a Thursday afternoon.

What do I need to bring to school?



Your child should have a named water bottle in school to use during lesson time and at break. They will be kept in the classroom throughout the day. The children will get two reading books each week. **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day** including their reading record. Books will be changed on Monday and Friday. The children must hand their reading books into the correct year group box every morning. The children will also get to visit the school library to choose a book when they are settled back into school. If you have not returned your library book yet, please do so as children can only get a new library book once the other one is returned.

When and where should I arrive at school?



Children will be greeted by school staff on the playground from 8:35am and will walk around to their classroom via class 1's side gate. They will enter the school into our cloakroom area where each child will have their peg for their coat and PE kit. All other belongings e.g. book bags, reading books, water bottles, letters for the office etc should be brought into the classroom. Children need to arrive promptly ready for registration by 8:45am, so they do not receive a late mark.

Homework

Each week, your child will receive a **Phonics/Spellings book**, which will include a list of words that relate to the phonics sounds they are learning in class. This is a great opportunity for you to support your child's learning at home by practising the words together or completing the fun activities provided. Year 2 later on in the year will get a maths homework folder which will have maths activities to complete. These books will be **collected every Thursday** and returned to your child's book bag on Friday. This schedule allows us to review their progress and prepare the next set of words.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words									
Year 1					Year 2				
the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes			
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy			
do	he	ask	poor	told	bath	people			
so	me	friend	because	every	hour	water			
today	she	school	find	great	move	again			
of	we	put	kind	break	prove	half			
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve	money			
sing	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure	Mr			
are	so	full	children	after	sugar	Mrs			
were	by	house	wild	after	eye	parents			
is	my	our	climb	fast	could	Christmas			
his	here		lost	should	everyday	even			
has	there		most	past	would				
I	where		only	father	who				
you	love		both	class	whole				
you	come		old	grass	any				
your	some		cold	pass	many				

In addition to this, we kindly ask that you make time for **reading with your child every day**. They will bring home their **reading books**, which should be read regularly to help improve their fluency and comprehension. Even just a few minutes each day can make a big difference in their progress.

PE Days and What You Need

Our PE sessions will be held twice a week. **Miss Heaton will teach PE on Monday afternoons**, and **Robbie will lead PE on Thursday afternoons**. If your child **cannot** participate in the PE lessons due to a medical problem, please either send a **note or email** to the class email account.

Snack

Year 1 and 2 children are provided with a free piece of fruit every day so they do not need to bring their own snack to school.

School trips

At our school, we believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and school trips are an exciting way to enrich the curriculum. We aim to organise **one class trip per term**, providing students with opportunities to explore new environments, engage in hands-on experiences, and deepen their understanding of what they've been learning in class. These trips are carefully planned to enhance the curriculum and inspire curiosity.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Levens Hall (final arrangements being made, more details to follow)	Hill Top Farm (approximately £13.50)	Windermere trio trip (approximately £19.50)
Whole school theatre trip (approximately £12.80)		Brathay activity day (approximately £15)

Wow! That feels like a lot of information but if there is anything I have missed then please don't hesitate to contact me by emailing our class account at class2@levens.cumbria.sch.uk or catching me or another member of the Class 2 team at the end of the day. Please note that I am teaching every day so have limited time to access and check emails regularly; a response time to emails is around 48 hours. Appointments for a meeting can also be made via the office or directly through me if you feel something requires a little more time to talk or is confidential. Formal teacher appointments are coming up later this term.

Best wishes,

Miss Heaton.