

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
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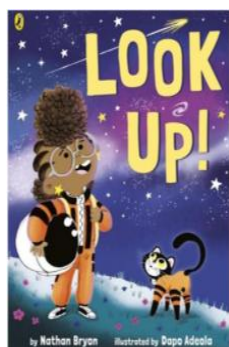
A very warm welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Chadwell Primary School! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome your children into Year 2. The entire team is incredibly excited to work closely alongside you this year, ensuring your children feel happy, supported, and inspired to achieve their full potential.

To help embed their classroom learning, please continue to support your child with their weekly homework tasks. We absolutely love celebrating their hard work, so please remember to take a quick photo of their completed activities and upload it to their individual Class Dojo portfolio.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support. We cannot wait to see all the wonderful things the children will achieve this term!

Warmest regards,
The Year 2 Team

English



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This half term, Year 2 will embark on an exciting reading and writing journey inspired by the award-winning picture book *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon and Dapo

This wonderful, high-energy story introduces us to Rocket—a hilarious, science-mad chatterbox who is determined to become the greatest astronaut and space traveller who has ever lived! While Rocket is busy preparing to view an incredible meteor shower, she faces a major mission: trying to get her older brother to put down his phone and look up at the wonders of the night sky.

To help us build vital reading comprehension skills—like predicting what

Math

This half term, our Year 2 mathematicians will be deepening and securing their understanding of core number skills. We will be focusing on consolidating place value, addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication and division.

To build ultimate number confidence, our lessons follow the Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach. This means children start by using physical objects (concrete), move on to drawing diagrams (pictorial), and finally solve written calculations using digits and symbols (abstract).

The children will also be learning about the following topics:

- Numbers within 100
- Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers

Foundation Subjects

This half term, children will be learning about the following topics in each subject.

Science: Materials: Uses of everyday materials

Children build on their knowledge of properties by exploring how the suitability of everyday materials shapes the objects around us.

Computing: Online Safety and Word Processing

Children learn to store text information digitally while discovering how to responsibly navigate online choices and safety boundaries.

History: How did we learn to fly? Children journey beyond living memory to explore a timeline of significant aviation events and



Everyone a Learner



happens next and investigating visual clues—please do not introduce or read this book at home just yet! Keeping the book a secret in the classroom helps the children develop genuine curiosity, wonder, and critical thinking as we explore Rocket's journey together for the first time. Our English lessons follow the structured Pathways to Write framework, focusing on an inspiring "Honouring Stories" theme. The children will explore big dreams of space exploration and look at the real-life achievements of pioneering historical figures. As their main writing application task, the children will step into the spacesuits of an astronaut to write a vivid diary entry about a thrilling space flight! Key Skills we will be focusing on: Gateway keys: (Basic skills from previous year) • Combine words to make sentences • Join words and clauses using and • Sequence sentences to form short narratives • Leave spaces between words Mastery keys: (year group national curriculum expectations) • Use punctuation correctly –full stops, capital letters • Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify • Use subordination (because) and coordination (and) Feature keys:	– Introduction of addition and subtraction: word problems In the classroom, children will get hands-on with a brilliant range of practical resources to bring maths to life, including: • Base 10 / Dienes blocks and counters to physically build numbers. • 100 squares and linking cubes to spot patterns and count accurately. • Balancing scales to visually explore equality and weight.  You can support your child's classroom learning by continuing to practice the 2, 5, and 10 times tables at home. Quick-fire games, counting in steps of 2, 5, or 10 while walking to school, or using digital maths platforms are all fantastic, fun ways to boost their mental recall speed!	pioneering individuals who changed the world. Religious Education: How do the stories of Jesus inspire Christians today? Children explore the key parables, teachings, and life events of Jesus, examining how these stories guide the daily lives and values of modern Christians. Art: Drawing: Understanding Tone and Texture Children develop shading precision and surface awareness to transition their artwork from flat 2D lines into realistic, textured forms. PSHE/RHE: Families and Relationships Children deepen their understanding of safe relationship structures, positive social interactions, and how to effectively manage changing emotions.
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(vocabulary, manipulating sentences and tense, structure)

- Include detail and description to inform the reader
- Write in first person
- Use consistent past tense
- Order events with adverbs of time
- Include personal comments and own viewpoint
- Set the scene with a clear opening and establish the context
- Finish with a closing statement with personal comment or summary e.g. What an amazing day we all had!

Extra Information:		
Homework	PE Days	Other Information:
Homework will be set on Thursday with pictures of completed homework uploaded on to your child's Class Dojo portfolio by the following Wednesday. We will be changing reading books on a Friday but children will be expected to bring their reading corner book and stage book in every day. Homework consists of; - Math - English/spelling - Comprehension - Oxford Reading Buddy - Foundation subjects' bingo activities will be uploaded at the beginning of every half term alongside knowledge organisers, children can choose which activities to complete over the half term and upload onto Class Dojo.	Dyson – Wednesday and Monday Bell – Wednesday and Friday Jackson – Thursday and Friday Children are expected to arrive to school in the correct PE uniform on these days.	- Tuesday 15th September – Themed menu – Taste the World - Friday 25th September – Macmillan coffee morning. 9:15 – 11am - Friday 9th October – Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness - Friday 9th October – Wednesday 14th October – Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday 15th October – Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 15th October – Themed Menu – World Music Day - Pupil progress meetings starting from October 19th – Booking links will be sent out. - 26th October – 30th October – Half Term - Scholastic book fair from the 9th of October to the 14th of October