

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome Back! We can't wait to see you all again and are excited to be back in school together.
We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

English



Our Power of Reading book is 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. A wonderful book about our world. We will be writing for a range of purposes, focussing on handwriting and presenting our work neatly. We will be refreshing our phonic knowledge and recapping the Year 1 tricky red words. We will be learning about adjectives, verbs and nouns as well as question and exclamation marks. Please do not read this book to your child as it will spoil their experiences during English lessons. Please continue to practise the key writing skills of using capital letters, full stops and leaving spaces between words.

Computing



In computing we will be learning what an algorithm is and begin to learn how to code using ScratchJr. It is a free app you can also use to practise coding at home.

Topic



Science

In Science we will be finding out about living things and their habitats. We will explore about how different animals and plants are suited to their habitats and microhabitats. We will also be learning about food chains. There will be lots of opportunities for outdoor learning in our Forest School area too.

Geography

Our topic is 'Our World'. We will learn to locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will also locate the hot and cold areas of the world while using maps, atlases and aerial photographs. We will use Google Earth to help us.

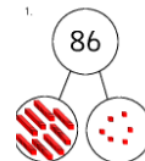
Art

We will be learning to draw and paint with increased accuracy. We will be exploring the use of colour texture and pattern in our own work and the work of artists.

Maths



Our first topic will be place value. We will be counting and ordering numbers to 100. We will then move on to partitioning numbers into tens and ones.



We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s both forwards and backwards and starting from different numbers.

After that, we will move onto addition and subtraction using 2 2-digit numbers. We also will be recalling all number pairs to make 10 and then 20.

RE



In RE we are exploring what the creation story tells Christians about God, creation and the world.

Notices

Unfortunately, we are unable to use the Blue Contact books this term; instead please email me any queries you may have. It may be also be difficult to talk at the end of the school day so please do email me at cherryteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk to arrange a telephone conversation if there is something you would like to discuss in more detail. We will be sending reading books home; however, I will also continue to monitor reading on BugClub too. On a Friday your child will choose 2/3 books to take home for the week; these will then need to be returned the following Friday. Please be assured that reading books will not be touched by anyone other than your child or in the 72 hours before they are taken home.

Home learning will be set next week and is to be completed through the term. It is due on **Monday 19th October**. Each day children are expected to do a short reading and maths activity at home. It is vital to practise these key skills every day to help your child to make good progress. This may include Mathletics, BugClub, practising the year 2 spellings or 30/60 Club practise (addition and subtraction/times tables). Further ideas can be found on our class page in the school website.

PE will be on Wednesdays and children need to come to school in their PE kits. As we move towards Autumn it will be important for children to wear dark tracksuit trousers and their school jumper to stay warm. Trainers will also be more practical and comfortable to wear all day. Earrings need to be taken out or covered at home. Please ensure that any clothing and belongings brought into school are clearly labelled including water bottles, lunch boxes, book bags, all items in their PE kit, school uniform and coats. Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle into school every day.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great year ahead. Don't forget to check our class page on the school website.

Miss Hallett & Mrs Smart