

RULER

Ruler is our systematic approach to integrating emotional intelligence into everyday life. The children learn to **Recognise** their emotions, **Understand** them, **Label** them, **Express** them and **Regulate**.

PSHE

PSHE is a vital part of the school curriculum that helps prepare them to be citizens in the 21st century. The children will learn what it means to 'Be My Best' as we touch on how to keep healthy, Growth Mindset, goal setting and achievement. After half term we look at how to build healthy relationships.

Science

In Science, we start with the topic plants. Building on what they learnt in Year one, the children begin to identify different trees and what plants need to grow. In Autumn 2 we move onto 'Animals including Humans'. They will learn that animals including humans grow and reproduce. The children will learn to ask questions about what animals need for survival and will learn to work scientifically through observation and measurement.

Religious Education

Our Year 2 R.E. focus is forgiveness. We will consider what it means to say sorry and the ways in which people do this. The children will consider the importance of celebration and shared values and how this is manifested in different religions.

English

As with all of our English work in Year 2, drama and oral rehearsal will play an integral role in developing the children's writing.

Through fantastic stories the children will be exploring the narratives, setting and characters and creating a wide variety of writing including recounts, stories, predictions and even poetry. This term we will read Lights on Cotton Rock, Beegu, The Goldilocks project, Wolves and the Polar Express.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on giving the children a deeper understanding of the following areas:

Number and Place Value (number recognition, place value, partitioning and estimation)

Addition and Subtraction (number bonds to 10 and 20, adding and subtraction of different amounts, inverse and commutative)

Money (adding money and solving word problems related to money)

Physical Education

In Y2 the children will be introduced to running techniques to improve speed and stamina. They will also have experience of team tactics in tag games including Kabaddi. Inside teamwork skills will be challenged on the indoor climbing frame.

Geography

Linked to our History objectives we will look at where our 'heroes' have come from around the world. We will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Please discuss places you may have visited and find them on a map.

How do you earn a place in history?

Art and Design

The children will study art heroes of the past and present, including; Van Gogh, Lowry, Yayoi Kusama, Morag Myerscough and Njideka Crosby. They will create responses in the style of the artists and use mixed media processes. They will consider the feelings and stories behind their works and become a critical artist!

Music

The children will be aiming to discriminate between higher and lower sounds and understand the soh/me interval. They will read 4 beat rhythms using quavers, crotchets, minims/. They will follow the teacher's hand signs to show soh and me, and differentiate between high and low in recorded music.

Computing

All children start each term with a small digital citizenship block in support of all of our learning in Computing. We will then move on to practising our word processing skills. In line with our History topic, we look at data and the International Space Station.

History

We will look at people from a range of cultures and backgrounds who have made significant contributions both nationally and internationally. We will learn about their achievements and be inspired to dream of what we might achieve in the future. We will also talk about the impact these people had on the world both negative and positive.

Educational Visits/Visitors

Watch out for news of enrichment opportunities as the term progresses. They will all be linked to what we are learning in class.

Outcome

We will have learnt so much about historical and modern activists who have changed the world for the better. The children will record a mini movie introducing these 'hero's' and talking about how they want to earn a place in history.

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Home Learning

Each week we will provide your child with home learning on Google Classroom.

This will include:

- Spelling on Spelling Shed
- A maths task on Mathletics linked to that week's learning in class.
- A maths fluency task (paper based or online) linked to the fluency objectives focused on that week.

The children should also read for 20 minutes every day as this is essential for their development in all aspects of the English curriculum. We will be checking your child's yellow guided reading record weekly, please ensure that you or your child are writing a comment at least once a week to let us know how they are doing.

Diary Dates

Year 2 Curriculum Evening: Tuesday 28th September

Autumn Term Parents Evening: 18th-20th October

INSET Days (children not in school): Thursday 21st Friday 22nd October

Half Term: Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October

Individual Photos day: 3rd November

Anti-Bullying Week—One Kind Word: 15th-19th November

Christmas Performances: Dates TBC—what out for these nearer the festive season!

Last day of Term: Friday 17th December (school day ends at 2.00pm)

Further Information

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform daily. This includes black shoes or trainers and a school jumper or cardigan. If you would like more information about our curriculum, school routines, how you can support your child's learning at home, how we support children with additional needs, policies and procedures or if you would like to talk about how your child is getting on please see us at the end of the school day or leave a message in the school office.

The Year 2 Team

- 2S: Dominic Stevens and Ms Destefanis
- 2JP: Lily Pang, Lyndsey Jefford and Ms Bassily. 1:1 Lizzie Cowie.
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Heber Primary School

Curriculum Overview

Year 2

Welcome to Year 2.

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are well rested ready for the fun to begin! We are looking forward to a fabulous year of learning! Please find below details of the Year 2 curriculum for the Autumn Term 2021:

Our Approach this term

We are delighted to share with you that we are maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum in which all children will continue to access all subject areas moving forward. The curriculum provides opportunities to challenge our curious Heber children. In addition, we have further developed our curriculum offer to ensure that it represents the rich diversity of the Heber community. This is detailed in our Diversity Curriculum Map, [here](#).

Our Topic

We are so excited to be teaching —'How do you earn a place in history?' - in our humanities lessons this term. Throughout this topic we will be comparing a historical figure to their modern counter part and asking the children to make comparisons. We will, for example, explore the lives of Christopher Columbus, fifteenth century explorer, and Neil Armstrong a twentieth century explorer. The children will look at the positive and negative impact these figures had on the world.

We will also be looking at prominent activists and learn how anyone can make a stand against injustice and plan a campaign.

PE

All children should bring their PE kits in on Mondays and take them home on Fridays for washing. It is essential that children have the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions, which includes a plain white t-shirt (or a Heber fun run t-shirt), dark shorts, a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms/shorts and black trainers. All children have the statutory 2 hours per week. We also will be looking to use the facilities at Alleyn's over the coming year. PE days are as follows:

2JP: Tuesday and Friday

2S: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.