

# Learning Launchpad: Autumn 1 2023

## YEAR 2 Mrs Emmerson and Mrs Bakes



Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday. This half-term, we are excited about all the new learning that will be happening in Year 2. It will be an action-packed half-term and we look forward to sharing this with you. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via Seesaw or the KS1 office.

**English:** In English, this half term, we will be consolidating basic writing skills, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will re-cap and practice the spelling of Phase 2, 3 and 4 tricky words. We will also focus on handwriting, ensuring correct letter formation, size and position to support speed and fluency when writing.

**Maths:** In Maths, this half term, we will be focusing on number and place value. This will involve us looking at the place value of 2-digit numbers, counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and recognising odd and even numbers. We will then use place value and number facts to help us solve problems.

**PSHCE:** What helps us grow and stay healthy?

**RE:** How is new life welcomed?

**Science:** Why can't we just eat chocolate?

**Geography:** Are all areas of the world the same?

**Computing:** Data Handling: International Space Station - To understand how computers can help humans survive in space and create an algorithm for growing a plant in space.

**DT:** Cooking and nutrition: A balanced diet - Know what makes a balanced diet, taste test food combinations and design and make a healthy wrap.

**Music:** Orchestral instruments - Find out about the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying these within a piece of music.

**PE:** Running, Jumping and Throwing - Learn to throw different types of equipment in different ways, for accuracy and distance and use different ways of travelling at different speeds.

### Key Dates

**Class Council Elections:** Fri 22nd September

**World Mental Health Day 'Wear Yellow':** Fri 6th Oct

**School Photo Day:** Tues 17th Oct

**Parents Evening:** Tues 17th & Weds 18th Oct

**Halloween Disco:** Thurs 26th Oct

**Break up for half term:** Thurs 26th Oct

**Teacher Training Day, school is closed:** Fri 27th Oct

### Reminders

This half term, PE is on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in the correct PE kit on these days.

**Homework:** Will be sent home every **Friday** to be returned the following **Friday**.

**Reading books:** Will be sent home every **Friday** to be returned the following **Friday**.