

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Welcome back!






It has been so lovely to welcome you back to school for the start of your Year 2 journey. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are ready to start an exciting new term!

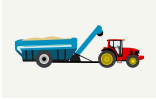




Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to your support.

Mr Wright & Miss Eastol

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Weekly spellings will be set on a Friday and sent home along with reading books. Please ensure that folders are back in school on a Thursday so that we have enough time to change reading books for Friday.**
- PE will normally be on Tuesday (indoors) and Thursday (outdoors). Although this is subject to timetable changes. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school all week and is able to remove earrings if worn.

<p>English</p> <p>In English, we have begun the year with our whole school focus text: 'Peace on Earth' by Smiriti Hills. Using this text we have written our own poems. Our next text, 'House Held up by Trees' by Ted Kooser, introduces us to persuasive writing as we write an advertisement for selling a house! Following on from this, we write letters for our text 'A Journey Home'. In our final text of the Autumn term, we make cross-curricular links with Geography and Science with 'We are water protectors'.</p> 	<p>PSHE</p> <p>In PSHE Our focus will be 'building relationships', focusing on a range of activities that will help enable children to develop new friendships and think about new situations and welcoming children to our school.</p> 
<p>Maths</p> <p>This term In maths, we will be focusing on number and place value looking at the composition of two-digit numbers, partitioning into tens and ones through the use of practical resources such as place value charts, deines and part-whole models. We then focus on addition and subtraction.</p> 	<p>Religion and World Views</p> <p>Through learning about religious celebrations, we will begin to understand how Christians celebrate Harvest and why Christmas is a special celebration for Christians.</p> 
<p>Science</p> <p>This term children we will be covering the unit 'All about Habitats'. We will learn about the life processes of living things and discuss the difference between living, dead and never alive. We will then categorise different organism types, linking them back to their natural habitats. Within this unit, we will also learn about food chains.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>In PE we will cover a Dance unit where we will focus on sequencing movements and in Gymnastics we will learn about different points of contact, using various parts of our bodies. Our games units cover basic ball skills and agility.</p> 

<p>History In history our topic is 'Movers and Shakers' where we discuss 'Who is a significant person?' and what makes them significant. We will focus on activists and look at the local historical activist, Oliver Cromwell. We are excited to go to Oliver Cromwell's house in Ely.</p> 	<p>Computing This term we will teach children how to be a safe researcher by looking at ways to stay safe online and using technology responsibly.</p>
<p>Art We have already begun our artwork, linking to our whole-school text, Peace on Earth, to colour-mix various colours linking to emotion. After this, we move onto exploring the world through mono-print.</p> 	<p>French The children will be learning about the country of France itself. They will be having fun learning how to greet people in French and introduce themselves. Counting in French, learning our age and birthday will also be a focus.</p> 
<p>Music This term we will be focusing on recognising high and low pitched notes and moving to music in different ways following a steady beat. We will then use a range of musical instruments to keep the beat. After listening to various music types we will discuss how the music makes us feel and give our opinion about if we enjoy it or not.</p> 	<p>Geography In Geography we will learn about the Wider World, beginning with a focus on the UK and which nations make up the United Kingdom. We will learn about each nation and what makes them unique.</p> 

Useful Information

Reading: Please try to read with your child daily. Children will be bringing home two books as part of their homework. One book is their reading book and is matched to your child's phonics level. Please encourage your child to re-read their reading book, and question them to ensure they have fully understood it. These will be changed every Friday, so please ensure the book is returned on Thursday. The second book is a 'Reading for Pleasure' book. Please share it with your child and enjoy reading for pleasure.

Coats: As the weather starts to become colder and wetter can you please bring a coat in every day.

Water Bottles: Can water bottles (containing water only) please be brought to school daily.

Useful websites- for both children and parents

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - Phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Number bond game

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/ks1> - KS1 book suggestions

E-safety: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - Stay safe online