Sparhawk
Infant and Nursery
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Welcome to the Year Two Curriculum Meeting!

Community

Adventure

Respect

Excellence



Sparhawk Skills

- Physical
- Thinking
- Presentation
- Problem Solving
- Understanding Me
- Team Work
- Oracy



Sparhawk 50 Experiences

 Make a den	 Scoot a scooter	 Jump in puddles	 Make a snow/leaf angel	 Have a picnic	 Do a science experiment	 Bird watching	 Make a potion	 Blow bubbles	 Make a sandcastle
 Listen to live music	 Play in the rain	 Hold an animal	 Play playground games	 Make a bug hotel	 Investigate shadows	 Make a puppet	 Play eye spy	 Create an obstacle course	 Use a magnifying glass
 Write to someone important	 Make a musical instrument	 Watch the clouds	 Visit the woods	 Walk a mile	 Fly a kite	 Visit a place of worship	 Learn a dance	 Make paper aeroplanes	 Post a letter
 Make a bird feeder	 Do leaf rubbings	 Go on a litter pick	 Fly a kite	 Follow a map	 Visit the library	 Have a campfire	 Plant it, eat it, grow it	 Roll down a big hill	 Watch the news
Make something from wood	Junk modelling	Play a board game	Learn a magic trick	Learn some sign language	Learn a new language	Do something for the community	Make a time capsule	First aid	Pond Dipping

Year 2 : Autumn 1 Newsletter

What will we be learning this half term?

English

This half term in English we will be writing a recount, character description and calligram poetry. We will be building upon the knowledge from Year 1. Each week the learning will be linked to a text and every lesson will begin with a dictated sentence.

Mathematics

There will be a focus on place value in Mathematics during Autumn 1. The half term will finish with a couple of weeks of addition and subtraction. There will be a focus on using concrete resources to secure the children's knowledge but also integrating pictorial and abstract representations.

Phonics/Spelling

Phonics will take place daily; we will begin learning the Switch it sounds. The spellings, which are posted on Fridays on Tapestry, reflect the learning which has been carried out that week. The spellings test takes place the following Friday. It is important to try practice these daily to help secure your child's knowledge.

Recommended Home Reads

Animal Stories by Enid Blyton would be a great book to read. Likewise, any animal book you can find at the library would be great.



Foundation Subjects

Science- We will be planting bulbs, choosing a class tree and investigating the survival needs of a range of animals.
Computing- E-safety is a really important aspect of this half term, as well as the benefits of IT on the society.
Art- We are focusing on the work of Claire Willberg and experimenting with print making.
History- This half term there will be a focus on the significance of local heroes Henry Blogg and Horatio Nelson.
Music- The children will be learning how to sing with emotion, producing our own songs, in duets.
RE- We will be learning about the Creation Story.
PE- We will be working on our teamwork and fundamental skills.

Upcoming dates

Tues 17th Sept Parent Curriculum Meeting
Tues 24th and Thurs 26th Sept Parent/Carer Meetings
Mon 7th Oct Craft Afternoon at Falcon
Tues 8th Oct Dental Screening
Wed 9th Oct School Photographs
Fri 11th Oct FOSSA Fun Run
Fri 18th Oct Wear Red to support 'Show Racism the Red Card'
Thurs 24th Oct Last Day of Term
Mon 4th Nov School Opens

General notices

Please make sure all items brought into school are labelled.

Try to listen to your child read at least one page of their book a day (if they have forgotten their book, they can read any book they have at home).

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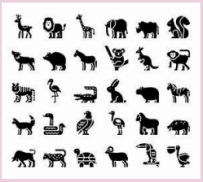
You can support our learning even further...

Test us on...

What do animals need to survive?
Do all animals need the same thing?

Air, water, food, shelter



Ask us to explain...

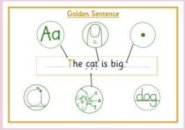
How can we be safe online?



Do not tell anyone your passwords, do not speak to people you do not know online, tell a grown up if someone messages you that you do not know, do not share pictures, do not share personal information.

Question us about...

What do we need in a sentence?



Capital letter
Spaces between words
A full stop

See if we can remember...

Can we remember the four CARE values?
How can we show these values in school?

Community, Adventure, Respect, Excellence.

Timetable

Year 2- Coral Timetable 2024-2025

	8:25-8:45	8:45-9:00	9:00-9:45	9:45–10:15	10.15 – 10:30	10:30 - 10:35	10:35 - 11:00	11:00 -11:55	11:55 - 12:00	12.00 – 13.00	13:00 - 13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14:55
Mon	Phonics job	MASTERING NUMBER	Maths	Phonics	Breaktime	Handwriting	GUIDED READING (Library)	English	Daily Mile	LUNCHTIME	Assembly	Music	Science
Tue	Maths job		Maths					English				Computing	History/ Geography
Wed	Phonics job		Maths					English				Philosophy Song of the week [PPA]	RE
Thu	Maths job		Maths					English				PE	Art/DT
Fri	Phonics job		Maths					English				Jigsaw Family Time	PE

PE

- PE days will be shared when confirmed
- Please ensure PE kit is worn when the children come in.
- **Named t-shirt, shorts and trainers.**

- In Summer term the children will be swimming for 4 weeks per class, we will update you on this closer to the time.

School Uniform

PLEASE NAME!!!

We can very rarely reunite children with lost property if it isn't named!

We do have a lost property basket, feel free to check this regularly ☺

Pick ups

Please make sure you let the class teacher aware if there is a change of pick ups. You can also ring the office.

Please be aware we don't always check Tapestry in the day.

If it is going to be a regular pick up then please let the class teacher aware so it can be written down.

Library

- Every Monday

- New books can only be chosen when previous books are returned!

Home Learning- little and often!

- Reading – every day

- Spellings- these are optional as we practice these every day in English but will be added to weekly Tapestry post if you wish to practice.

Star of the Day



- Each day we choose a class 'Star of the Day'
- They will receive a certificate stating why we think they are a star!
- The children will gain compliments from their peers and we will link these with the values and our Sparhawk skills.

Show and Tell & Praise Certificates

- We know that the children LOVE bringing things in from home to share with the rest of the class!
- If your child receives a Praise Certificate on a Friday then they can do a Show and Tell the following week.
- We recommend you make it count! Avoid toys unless they are REALLY special!

Time to Talk/ Progress Meetings

- We will be having regular parents meetings throughout the year.

- We will share the date of this as soon as it has been confirmed.

Assessments in Year 2

- Basic skills assessment in reading
- End of unit maths assessments following White Rose
- Ongoing assessments in writing and other subjects to maintain understanding of where the children are in their learning.
- SATs in May – will be optional for schools now
- Phonics screen checks in June (if your child did not pass the last one)

Transition to Junior Schools

- You decide after Christmas
- We would recommend looking around then at the start of the academic year
- They are hosting day visits and after school visits
- Ring their offices for details

Well-being of our children is #1

- Happy children are successful learners, we will be focussing on building relationships to support the children to feel settled, particularly after a unsettled year in year 1 with staff changes.
- We are here for the children and you.
- In school support: Pastoral care, emotional support, child counselling, parental support advisors, child and mental health services
- We will be on the door each morning if you ever need to arrange a time to chat.

Hautbois trip

- We will be going to Hautbois Activity Centre during Summer 2. Date to follow.
- We shall be staying for one night
- You will be responsible for transport to and from the venue
- We will hold a meeting in the first half term to discuss details.

Any questions…?

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