

# Year 2: Parrots

## Term 2: Autumn



**RESPECT**

**INDEPENDENCE**

**CONFIDENCE**

**CREATIVITY**

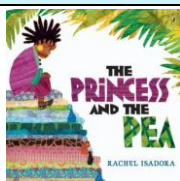
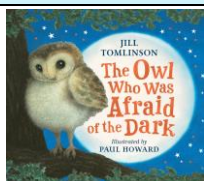
Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break, and the children are looking forward to Term 2 and all that this exciting term has to offer! We will be enjoying the run up to Christmas and preparing for our wonderful Christmas performance. We will be writing to you shortly with more information around this 😊

As with last term, the children's home reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday, and we encourage the children to read their book at home, and for comments to be written in their reading record so that the children can be rewarded in school. All children will also continue to borrow a 'reading for pleasure' library book each week.

**Our PE days continue to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday so please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit and earrings are removed/removable on these days.**

Thank you, Mrs Howard and Miss Longhurst 😊



### English: Writing

In our writing this term, children will have the opportunity to retell stories and traditional tales as well as writing persuasive letters. The texts which will inspire our writing include; *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson, *The Princess and the Pea* by Rachel Isadora, *The Ghanaian Goldilocks* by Dr Tamara Pizzoli and *The Lonely Beast* by Chris Judge (repeat author). We will also continue to work on improving our spelling and handwriting.

### English: Reading

The children will read every day using the texts from our writing lessons. This enables us to fully immerse ourselves into rich vocabulary and age-appropriate texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be further developing our understanding and comprehension skills including inference.

### Maths

Our focus in Maths this term is addition and subtraction up to 100 and shape. The children will learn how to add by making 10, adding 3 numbers together, adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers (across a 10), counting sides and vertices on 2-D shapes, and counting faces, edges and vertices on 3-D shapes. The children will have the opportunity to use a range of manipulatives to support their learning, including 2 and 3-D shapes.

### Science

This term the children will investigate minibeasts that live in microhabitats and will be able to describe the microhabitats and their conditions. They will work scientifically to group minibeasts and create simple classification keys. They will ask questions and gather and record data following observations and experiments in class; including creating our own wormery!

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. This unit will focus on stereotypes and diversity. We will think carefully about why bullying happens and how we should stand up for ourselves and others. We will also celebrate Children in Need and Odd Socks Day this term!

### Geography/History

This term we will ask the question; How did we learn to fly? We will identify important events surrounding the history of flight and explain how significant events have changed the lives of others. We will use primary sources to find out about people and events in the past including the Wright brothers, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart and the Moon landing.

### Computing (ICT)

This term we will be experimenting with digital photography. We will plan a photo story, take digital photographs, edit digital photographs, search online for images, and create digital photo collages.

### Physical Education (PE)

PE lessons are led by Elite Sport, who will focus on physical development and Dance this term.

### Art/Design and Technology (DT)

During our Art lessons, the children will experiment with colour mixing, patterns and texture using natural resources. In DT, we will explore stability, stiffness and strength of materials to make a structure – Baby Bear's Chair. We will then test and evaluate our structures.

**Reminders:** PE is on Tuesday and Thursday.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th November - INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils).

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November – parent/teacher meetings (if you would like to book a meeting, please speak to Mrs Howard).

Wednesday 13th November - Individual school photos.

Wednesday 11th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 9.15am and 1.15pm.

Monday 16th December - Whole school trip to the pantomime.

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Concert 2.00pm.

