



Year 2 Curriculum Letter AUTUMN Term 2024 (For school website)

Please find below the Year 2 curriculum letter for this term, explaining what the children will be learning and some useful information for the term ahead.

Our School Value this term



Our core value this term is **independence**. To support our value, the children have been given pencil cases and classroom jobs. They will also get the chance to be House Captains and Playground Pals this year.

Timetable

The timetable is below. Key things to note:

Library Day - Monday

PE Day - Wednesday and Friday

Homework - Given out Thursday, back by Monday (This will start in a few weeks once they have settled in)

Reading books swapped - Monday and Thursday.

Forest School - Tuesday (bi-weekly)

Year 2 Class Timetable

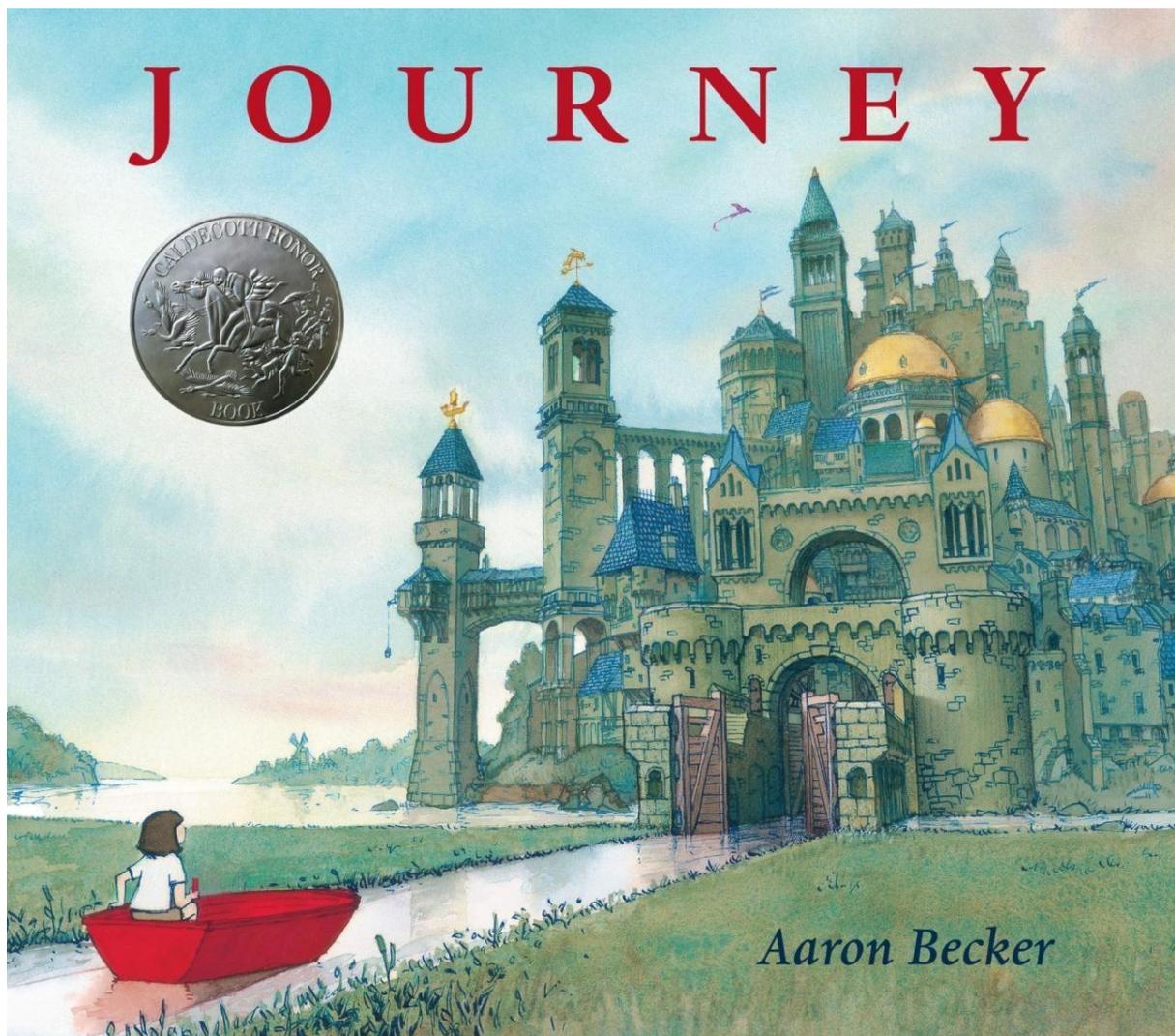
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 9:00	Independent learning, readers, interventions	Pobble, readers, interventions	Phonics work, readers, interventions	Mini Maths, readers, interventions, soft start	Independent learning, readers, interventions
9:00 - 10:30	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Sharing assembly
	English	English	English	English	Phonics
	Wellbeing Assembly	Storytime assembly	Singing assembly	News assembly	English - Pobble
10:30 - 10:50	BREAK				
10:50 - 12:00	Maths	Guided reading	Guided reading	Guided reading	Maths
	Library	Maths	Maths	Maths	
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH				
13:00 - 15:00	Handwriting	Forest School or Art (alternate weeks)	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
	History		Science	PE	PE
	PSHE		PE	Computing (with Mrs Dusek)	Music

Phonics and Guided Reading

Weekly phonics lessons will continue as usual this term as well as interventions for any children that need extra support. The children are covering Phase 6 phonics. The main aim in Phase 6 is for children is to develop their fluency as a reader and increase their accuracy when spelling.

Guided reading sessions will take place at least three times a week. During these we will hear the children read and support them answering comprehension questions about their books.

English



We continue with our new English curriculum which includes the following units:

- Writing a story for the wordless book 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker
- Writing a diary entry as a child in the Victorian times
- Writing instructions for something they have made
- Writing a recount of a trip

The children will continue to enjoy a 'hook' to engage them at the beginning of each writing unit and a publishing party at the end!

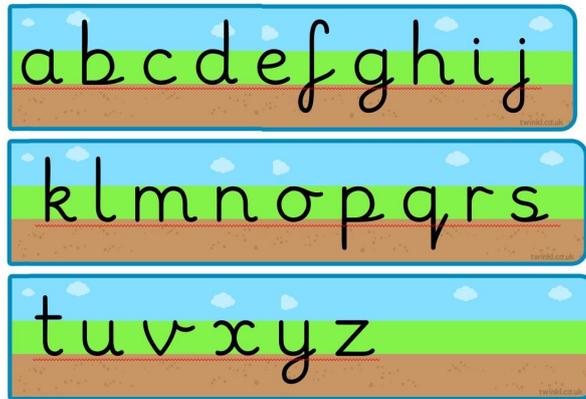
The children also have 'Pobble' books this year, at least once a week they will be given an interesting picture to write about to develop their creative writing skills.

Handwriting

The class will continue with their daily handwriting sessions and we will be working with all the children to ensure they forming their letters correctly. Any extra help you can provide with

handwriting at home is most appreciated. Handwriting is a big focus for the school this year across all age groups.

Below is the writing the children start with this year, we will move towards joining the letters around Spring Term.



Maths

This term the children will be covering:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

We will soon be sending home White Rose Maths homework books which are matched to the weeks learning. From this you can get a good idea of what we are covering in class. We use both practical (hands on) maths and worksheets.

The children have 'mini maths' books this year, at least once a week they have to do some mini maths quizzes when they arrive at school.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value (Within 10)					Number Addition and subtraction (Within 10)					Geometry Shape	Consolidation
	VIEW					VIEW					VIEW	

Foundation Subjects



Science

Our units this term:

- Living things and their habitats
- Everyday materials

We are also learning about the scientist Rachel Carson.

History

How schools have changed over time

In this unit the children will learn about how schools were different in the past. We will be looking through some historical artefacts from Drogheda and inviting parents to come to see a special class assembly showcasing our history.

Geography

What a wonderful world

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of countries, continents and oceans this term.

RE – Religious Education

This term, the children will be learning about:

- Why do we need to give thanks. In this unit the children will learn about how different religions say thank you
- What do candles mean to people. In this unit the children will learn about a range of religious festivals and events that candles are used for

PSHE – Personal, Social and Emotional development

The topic for PSHE is 'Valuing Difference' . In this unit we will discuss celebrating differences between us and how we can be kind to others.

PE – Physical Education

The children will study:

- Fundamental skills including developing our running, jumping and skipping skills
- Ball skills including throwing, catching and dribbling balls. We are fortunate to be so near the basketball nets in Year 2!

Computing

Mrs Dusek will be taking Year 2 for computing this term. This term they will be explore different kinds of technology and learn about online safety.

Music

We will explore folk music and learn songs for our Harvest and Nativity shows.

Art and DT

Mrs Singh will take the children for Art and DT this term. In Art they will be working on their drawing skills and in DT they will be using their sewing skills to make a house animal pouch/purse.

Other information

- **Reading books:** Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday as long as they have been shared at home, please remember to make a note of this in your child's reading record so we know that they are ready for a new book.
- **Homework:** We will start sending out homework in a few weeks and will send more information about it then.
- **Attendance:** It is important your child has a high attendance and good punctuality during the term. Between 8:45-9.00am, children have specific learning tasks to support them. We often do our pobble and mini maths books at 8:45, so we very much encourage you to drop off as soon as you can.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on Dojo if you have any further queries or questions. We look forward to a fun term ahead!

Year 2 team