

Welcome to Year 2! Our class names are 2JF Badgers and 2TC Foxes. We have an exciting year planned for your child and we've already had a brilliant start to the year.

Please ensure that your child brings in their school planners every day in a book bag to bring their books back and forth to school and home. We will keep planners updated with weekly spellings, spelling results, times tables and reading. When you listen to your child read at home, please sign the planner to let us know.

This book can also be used if you need to communicate anything to us by writing a message in the current week. Your child will have passwords for Google Classroom, MyMaths and Accelerated Reader written in the front of their planner should you need them to access learning from home. P.E. is on Wednesdays, Thursdays (2JF) and Fridays (2TC) and your child will need to keep their PE kit in school.



The Big Ideas

Each year, your child's learning will be linked into the Big Ideas. This helps the children to develop their understanding into meaningful units which are based around a key question. The Big Ideas the children will revisit each year are:

Identity and Culture

Conflict and Resolution

Environment and Sustainability

Health and Wellness

Technology and Innovation

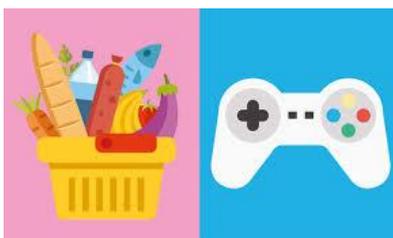
Identity and Culture

Children will consider and understand the NHS and the role it has played in changing people's lives from before it was founded 70 years ago. They will consider the geography of their local environment to find the places that are NHS services. Pupils will look at how communities 'celebrate' heroes through art and produce their own. They will consider what it really means to be a 'superhero' and identify their own superhero qualities.



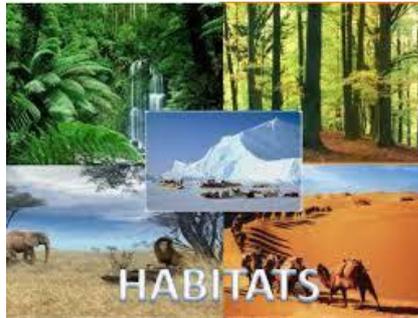
Technology and Innovation

In the second half of the Autumn Term, we will be going further back in time to the Victorian Era: exploring new designs and inventors of the time. We will find out about the Autumn tradition of Harvest the move onto Christmas and learn about the history of the Christmas tree. We will find out about natural and manmade materials and use them to design decorations for our school Christmas tree and the school grounds. We will find out about 'wants' and 'needs' and appreciate why we celebrate special events with different foods.



Environment and Sustainability

In the first half of the Spring Term we will be taking a journey to warmer climates by travelling to Australia! We will compare the weather and seasons there to the UK and find out about different habitats and food chains in different parts of the world. We will find out about how pollution affects the climate and think about ways to help our environment by saving energy and recycling and take part in events that show we can put our learning into action.



Health and Wellness

Super Tato is coming to the rescue, ensuring we know where in the UK our food comes from and why some foods are frozen. We will also find out what plants need in order to grow and thrive. We will be health and wellness experts: learning what animals and humans need to grow, keep safe and healthy. Alongside this, we will look at changes to our bodies as we grow. We will look at how technology is used to keep us informed and write instructions to help others 'grow their own.'



Conflict and Resolution

Yo! Ho! Ho! We'll sail the seven seas (or five oceans!) this term and find out about the Golden Age of Piracy and its links to Devon. We'll also discover what caused people in history to become pirates, what we really know about them from evidence and if they really demonstrated our British Values. We will use our learning around this to think about the importance of money. We'll find out about historical and traditional events, across a range of religious and non-religious groups, why it is so important for communities to remember the past to help them learn about the future.

