

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2 at Mayfield.

In Autumn One our topic is:



In Autumn Two our topic is:



**Frozen Planet**

The curriculum will be focused on the following topics:

	Autumn 1 and 2
English	Consolidating understanding of sentence structure: capital letters, full stops; nouns; using 'or' and 'but' within a sentence; asking questions using question marks Guided Reading will centre on retrieval, inference and prediction using a range of different text types.
Maths	Number bonds; counting to 100; place value; odd and even numbers; addition and subtraction (linked to money); number bonds to 20 and 2, 5 and 10 number facts
Science	Animals, including humans – how do they change and grow, what do they need to survive? Life cycles. Learning how animals have adapted to survive in the harsh conditions in polar regions. Working Scientifically (learning skills to think like a scientist).
History	How toys have changed over time, order toys chronologically, identify similarities and differences between 'then' and 'now'. Describe historical events and significant people and their achievements. Use artefacts, pictures and stories to find out about the past.
Geography	Understand geographical similarities and differences between the UK and Antarctica and the Arctic.
Computing	Computing systems and networks – I.T around us. Creative media – digital photography
RE	Aut 1: What is Harvest? Who is it important to and why? Aut 2: Light and Dark - what do these symbols mean?
Music	Singing. Listening, playing and composing – The Nutcracker.
Art and DT	Learning drawing techniques. Developing painting and colour mixing skills.
PSHE	Rules and responsibilities. Friends and family.
PE	Outdoor – multi-skills involving balls, dodging (invasion games) and learning playground games Indoor – Gymnastics-exploring pathways

### **PE lessons**

**Tuesdays** inside-shorts and t-shirt

**Thursdays.** The children do need to wear a pair of shoes that are safe to run around in for outside (i.e. trainers). Jumper and track suit/leggings when colder.

### **Cloakroom**

Please ensure **everything** is named, in particular cardigans and jumpers. All of the children require a named water bottle.

## **Homework**

Learning with parents' platform replacing Seesaw. <https://learningwithparents.com/>

We will now be setting homework on a Friday and it will be completed by the following Wednesday. It will involve watching a video and playing a game or doing an activity. This week's homework is a place value game. Short video. Then a drawing activity with writing a number in words. Extra things are snap game, spot the difference and reading titles with numbers in them. Great fun way to learn.

Reading once to three times a week and placing a comment on the reading journal each week on how well your child is reading or what areas they need to work on. This will be a two-way communication platform.

## **Book bags**

Please send the children into school with their book bags each day - we would encourage you to purchase the blue book bags from the school office as they are much sturdier than plastic wallets. The children can come in and change their books when they are ready for a new one.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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**The Year 2 Team**