

Year 2 Learning Letter

Year 2
Autumn Home
Learning

This Term's Project

'How to make an apple pie and see the world'.

An exciting Autumn term awaits us with projects under the title 'How to make an apple pie and see the world'. We will be learning about the seven continents of the world – beginning with exploring the country Gambia through art, dance, music, geography and Design Technology. Children will be finding out about Cezanne and creating observational drawings of apples. They will explore colour combinations through the work of Andy Warhol. In computing we will learn how to create basic code and will also be focusing on developing our research and word processing skills, promoting the use of two hands for typing. Science will take us on a journey around the world where we will be learning about different habitats across our continents and sorting and classifying information that we discover.

Mathematics

Our focus this term will be applying and extending our maths knowledge. We will be focusing on number, place value, measure (length, mass and capacity), properties of 2D and 3D shape and problem solving. 'Maths Outdoors' and 'Story Maths' is an aspect of learning we will weave throughout the term. Sessions will always include a 'Challenge' to extend learning and for children to 'grow their brain'. Understanding and accurately using mathematical language and the quick recall of key facts is vital this term. This will enable everyone to show what they know!

English

We will start with story writing using 'stories from other cultures'. Listen out for us reciting (with actions) 'Fatou, Fetch the Water'. Non-fiction writing and traditional tales will also be studied. As we progress through the term we will continue to develop our vocabulary and grammatical knowledge and show this in our writing. As we become more confident writers we are really focusing on presentation and layout. We are trying our best to join our handwriting and make sure that what we write has a purpose and is interesting to the reader.



'If parents want to give their children a gift the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.'

Carol Dweck

ESSENTIAL each week:

Reading

Make a time to read regularly. Little and often is best but as the complexity and length of book increases more time might be needed. Priority should be given to the Guided Reading text. Always have a conversation about what you have read and understand.

Maths

x3 sessions of up to 15 minutes practise of the current maths skills on Education City. New homework tasks will be updated fortnightly.

Lost your Education City log-in? Ask your class teacher to provide you with this again.

No internet? Drop into the ICT suite on a Monday after school with your child. someone will be there and will be happy to help.

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the

Autumn Term to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend on each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

Draw: Try and draw some apples using a variety of media. Maybe you could paint a picture or make a sculpture.

Research: Can you find out about the different varieties of apples that grow around the world.

Visit:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor>
Have a look at the Rosemoor Garden site to see a sneak peak of the wonders in store for us all next week.

Go to: a place with trees and spot the signs of Autumn. A local park or even a trip to Cockington could be magical.

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Bring your home learning into class to **celebrate** during the week beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Did you know that you can print off certificates from Education City?

# Last Year

We began a project to create a new Peace Garden in our grounds. Last year Year 2 children had to opportunity to work with a Dorset based artist Sam Cannon who is passionate about nature and all living things. We began by creating a large mural which will be part of the new garden. This year we will work to plant new plants in the area to encourage bees to visit and thrive. We are looking forward to getting outdoors to begin planting in the Spring Term.

You can find out more about the work of Sam Cannon by visiting her website [www.samcannonart.co.uk](http://www.samcannonart.co.uk)

You might also like to try a swiggle safe search to find out 'Why are bees so important?' [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

## inspire



## d i s c o v e r



## succeed



## Out and About

With shorter days and longer nights there is still lots to do out of doors. Why not be an 'Autumn Nature Detective'? Visit

<http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/autumn/> for more activities like this one.



### Did you know?

Our native trees arrived and grew here naturally after the last Ice Age and were not introduced by humans.