



## ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful break, have managed to relax and that you are ready for the new term ahead. With a new term brings a new topic and we will now be focusing on Explorers where we hope to link as much learning as possible to it.

Children in Year 2 will learn about the following this term:

<b>English</b>	We will cover a range of narrative, non-fiction, picture and chapter books this term. Our units will be – Traditional Stories, Information Texts, Diaries and Animal Stories. Where possible we will try to create as many cross curricular links as possible to look at explorers throughout our units in creative ways.
<b>Maths</b>	To start the term we will focus on place value. We will further develop our skills of partitioning, ordering and estimating. We will then move to using all four operations, learning new methods and consolidating what we have already learnt. Later on in the term we will also look at 2D and 3D shape, statistics, money and real life problems, measures, fractions before finishing with position and direction. We will begin to focus more heavily upon reasoning and explaining how we know an answer is correct and also how an answer could not be correct.
<b>Science</b>	Electricity and Natural and Man Made Materials
<b>Topic</b>	Explorers: looking at different explorers from the past, learning how they helped to shape the future and using maps to plot where they travelled.
<b>Design Technology &amp; Art</b>	Maritime Art including plaiting, weaving, dyeing and sewing.
<b>RE</b>	Stories, Leaders and Teachers
<b>PE</b>	Dance, Gym and Games
<b>Computing</b>	Visual Information
<b>P4C</b>	Exploring how to solve conflict fairly, the concept of money and British Values.

### Reading

All children are expected to bring in their **reading books** and **reading records** every day. Please fill in their reading record when they read at home. In Year 2 the children will be expected to become more independent and it will be their responsibility to put their reading folders into a box to be changed – if they do not do this, they will not be changed. This term Library books will be changed on a fortnightly basis on a **Thursday**.





### Homework

As well as reading at home regularly, the children will be expected to complete one homework task a week. In each child's homework book there is a home learning grid where they can choose from a range of activities. Please could parents / carers date and sign to show when the task has been completed.

**Homework needs to be handed in each Friday and a member of the Year 2 team will mark it and send it back by the end of the day.** Homework Club will continue this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during lunchtime.

### PE

We will have PE on **Monday and Friday** this term but it would be helpful if the children had their PE kit in school throughout the week in the event of bad weather or extra sessions with a coach. Please make sure that **all PE kit and uniform is named**. Outdoor PE is on a Friday.

### Targets

To keep you involved in our learning we will be sending home new targets as soon as the old ones have been met. We aim to change the targets approximately every 6 weeks and will let you know when we are ready for new ones!

Writing target	Maths target
<p><b>To use pronouns to open some of my sentences differently.</b> He, she, they, it</p>	<p><b>To double numbers to 20 using my fingers and practical resources.</b> <math>1 + 1 = 2</math>   <math>5 + 5 = 10</math></p>
<p><b>To use pronouns and time phrases to open some of my sentences differently.</b> He, she, they, it, when, all of a sudden, after a while</p>	<p><b>To double a two digit number by partitioning it and adding each digit.</b> <math>13 = 10 + 3</math>,   <math>10 + 10 = 20</math>,   <math>3 + 3 = 6</math>, <math>20 + 6 = 26</math>.   Double 13 is 26.</p>
<p><b>To use phrases connected with people, places and time to open some of my sentences differently.</b> The little girl, at the bottom of the lane, after waiting for a few minutes</p>	<p><b>To double any two digit number using written or mental methods and to record it as a multiplication sentence.</b> <math>47 \times 2</math>   <math>40 \times 2 = 80</math>,   <math>7 \times 2 = 14</math> <math>80 + 14 = 94</math>.   <math>47 \times 2 = 94</math></p>

### Extra information

If there is any information you feel that we should know, please do come and let us know. This could include allergy or medical information, or letting us know the adults who can or cannot pick up your child.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Miss Maclean  
Year 2 Teacher

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Year 2 Teaching Assistant

