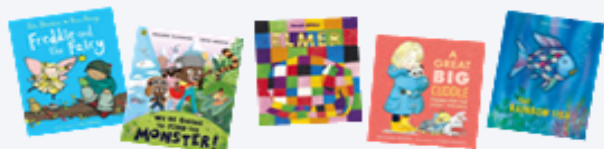




Key Dates



FS2's RECOMMENDED READING



TITLE	AUTHOR
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
A Squash and a Squeeze	Julia Donaldson
Freddie and the Fairy	Julia Donaldson
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
We're Going to Find the Monster	Malorie Blackman
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen
Ravi's Roar	Tom Percival
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Did You Hear?	Eric Carle
Honda's Surprise	Eileen Browne
Emer	David McKee
Ruby's Worry	Tom Percival
A Great Big Cuddle	Michael Rosen

We read lots of amazing books with the children in FS2.

Our 'recommended reading list' consists of books that we read in **every** class in FS2. If you are looking for books to read at home with your children, this list is a great place to start. We have copies available in our lending library (opposite the school office).

PE days

Below states what day your child's PE day is. On this day children should come to school dressed in their PE kit.

FS2CD	Monday
FS2B	Wednesday
FS2BD	Thursday



Instagram

Please follow our Instagram account to see all of the lovely things we get up to at school.



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Date	Event
Tuesday 2nd September	First day of school
Wednesday 24th September	FS2 Parent phonics meeting 2 - 3pm
Thursday 25th September	FS2 Parent phonics meeting 5.15 - 6pm
Wednesday 15th October	Individual Photos
Monday 20th October	FS2-Y6 Parents Evening
Thursday 23rd October	FS2-Y6 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21st October	Teddy Bears' Picnic 2.15-3pm
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of Autumn 1 and the start of half term.
Monday 3rd November	First day of Autumn 2 term.
(First week back after half term) Thursday	Maths Stay and Play 3-4pm

** please keep an eye on parent mail for any further updates*

Our first topic for Autumn 1 is ... Woodland!

Welcome to **Foundation Stage**! This half term we will work on writing our own name, getting to know our class teacher, meeting new friends, becoming familiar with our classroom and the activities within it and following the school rules and structure. We will participate in a range of subjects such as PE, maths, literacy, RE, rainbow talk and phonics.



In literacy we will practise writing our names. We will work on developing our gross and fine motor skills through lots of activities in both the indoor and outdoor areas in preparation for early mark making using different tools and equipment. Throughout this topic, we will use stories such as The Gruffalo, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears to introduce different aspects of woodland life including; animals that are nocturnal and diurnal, different types of bears living all across the world and deciduous and evergreen trees.



In maths we will focus on the numbers up to 10 including number recognition and careful counting. We will then move onto a focus on positional language and size ordering.



In phonics we will introduce single letters that produce single units of sound (also called phonemes). We will then build up to combining these phonemes in different ways to make short 3 letter words. We hold parent meetings to introduce the idea of phonics and how it is taught in school. Phonics provides the gateway for both reading and writing in school.



Home learning

If you'd like to build on school based learning at home, here are a selection of ideas. We have shown how they all link to our key learning areas in FS2.



Chorus
Education Trust

Phonics



Home-school books will be sent out around week 4!

Each week in school, we are learning new phonics sounds to help us in our reading journey. Practising reading at home helps us to embed new learning and build on this as well as building our confidence as early readers too!

We recommend for your child to read a couple of

Physical Development



Have a go at getting dressed and undressed independently. Jumpers, socks, buttons, zips can be tricky so keep trying!

Mark making

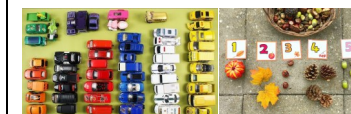


Can you practise holding your pencil correctly and drawing a picture of a woodland?
Can you form the letters in your name?
Can you form the numbers 1-10?

Maths



Can you count out different objects around your house and practise your reliable counting skills?



Reading for pleasure



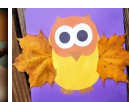
Do you have any stories linked to our topic? Perhaps you could enjoy sharing some of these woodland inspired stories with someone at home.



Expressive Art and Design



Can you create your own woodland animal? You could draw one, use recycled materials or even paint!



Malleable



Can you create some woodland animals using play-doh?
You could even do some dough discos from YouTube to help build those muscles in your fingers!

Woodland adventure



Perhaps you could visit a woodland area and explore using your different senses. What can you see and hear?

