



# Shepherd Primary School



## Year 2 Balwen Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2020

### Adults working with your child



**Class teacher:**  
Mr Charter



**TA:** Miss Holland

### Important Dates this Term

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September: Off by Heart Poetry Recital week  
 w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September: Week 2 of Enrichment Fortnight  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Braiswick in to take individual photographs of all children  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September: PTA AGM (via Zoom)  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September: SEN IPPs to be sent home to parents (instead of our usual SEN Open Morning)  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Christmas card designs to be sent home to parents, to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Flu nasal spray for children in Reception – Year 6

*Key Diary dates for Autumn (2) will be reviewed at October half term, taking account of the most up to date government advice regarding covid-19.*

### Mathematics

**Fluency Focus:** Securing Fluency to Twenty, counting forwards and backwards, finding one more.  
 Addition and subtraction including problem solving  
 Multiplication including doubling and halving  
 Number and place value  
 Place Value – Making Tens and Some More  
 Place Value and Regrouping Two-Digit Numbers  
 Counting On and Back in Ones and Tens from any Number  
 Representing, Ordering and Comparing Numbers to 100 and Estimation and Magnitude  
 Numbers to 20 – Mental Addition and Subtraction  
 Money – Making Combinations and Finding Change  
 Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s  
 Understanding value of different coins

### Routines & Homework:

- **Weekly spellings:** Spellings will be put on Google classroom every Thursday. Children need to practise spelling them at home before a dictation on these spellings in school at the start of the following week.
- **Weekly times tables practice** (cards) Children will be tested every couple of weeks to ensure progress is being made
- **My Maths** set Thursday to be completed online by Tuesday
- **Writing:** One piece of writing or topic work may be set when relevant.
- **PE-** Thursday afternoon
- **Walford FC PE Lesson** – Tuesday afternoon

### English

**Writing:** Composition, planning, drafting and writing, evaluating and editing, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting.

**Narratives/ Discussion/ Explanation and Poetry.**

**Grammar & Spelling:** Year 2 Common exception words and weekly spelling rules will be taught.

**Specific Y2 grammar and punctuation:** Use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Form longer sentences using and, but and because. Identify nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

**Handwriting:** Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters in some of their writing.

**Reading Skills:** Children will hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality texts to develop a love of reading, support the development of early comprehension and broaden their vocabulary. Books selected from a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks: modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions (including pre-twentieth century titles) and titles by classical children's authors.

### Curriculum Information – Antarctica Antics!

**Topic:** Geography: Orienteering and identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.

**Science:** Working Scientifically: Living things and their habitats and plants.

**Computing:** Starting research

**PE:** Ball skills and games

**RE:** Festivals: beliefs and practices

**Art:** Penguins (Water bottle sculptures) Artist: Pablo Picasso

**Design & Technology:** Frozen Fruit Snacks

**PSHCE:** 'Being Me in My World' 'Celebrating Difference'

**Music:** The Long and the Short of it (Exploring duration) Feel the Pulse (Exploring pulse and rhythm)

If you have any particular expertise or interest in any of our curriculum topics for this term, and would like to share this with the class, please contact the class teacher.

Further information can be found on the curriculum and class web pages <http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/class-pages/year-2.html>