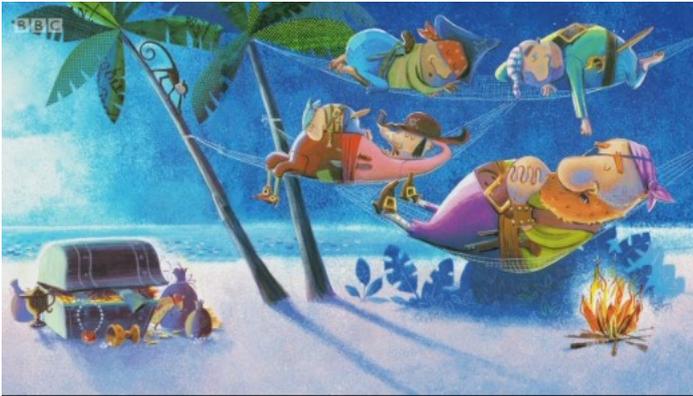


# Welcome to Year 2!

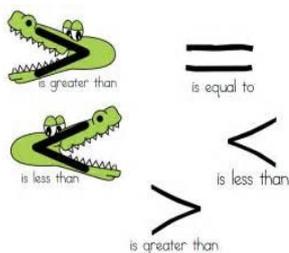
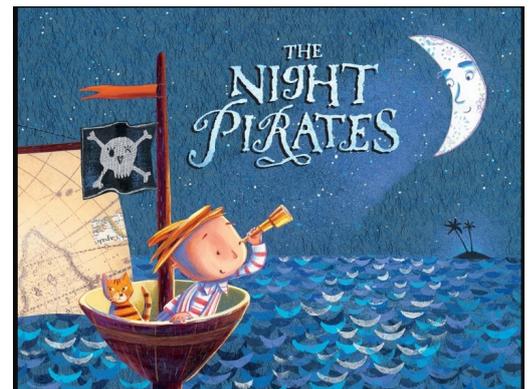
We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for the new school year! We have lots of exciting lessons planned for Year 2 during the Autumn term!



Our topic this half term is going to be focused on the story of 'The Night Pirates'. We will explore maps and how pirates used them to sail around the world finding their treasure. Explore artists who have used water and the sea as an inspiration. In addition, we will also do the Harvest Festival assembly ... details to follow!

In English we will be focusing on developing our story writing based on 'The Night Pirates' story. We will be widening our vocabulary and conjunction range by writing sentences using and, but so and because as well as punctuating our sentences correctly. The children will also have the opportunity to write instructions and non chronological reports.

Children will have many opportunities to extend and progress their reading skills. These will include guided reading sessions, opportunities to read in every English lesson and one to one reading opportunities.



In Maths we will be focusing on reading and writing numbers to 100, recognising the place value of two digit numbers and using this to compare and order numbers using different mathematical symbols.

Children will also be learning to count in steps of 2,3,5 and 10. There is a big focus in Year 2 on mathematical reasoning so children will have lots of opportunity to apply their knowledge and understanding to mathematical problems.

In ICT we will be learning how to use simple programming technology to make different events occur happen on screen. We will begin to learn how to write and debug simple codes. As part of the curriculum laptops and iPads will be used in other lessons to develop research and presentation skills.



### Improving spelling at Godley

Children will be given a list of Term 1A spelling words that Year 2 will be learning to spell. The weekly focus on a spelling could be for a sound, letter pattern or rule - the Government's statutory words will be written in red and these 5 words will be the main focus of the spelling homework each week.

PE will take place every Monday and Friday. The children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather will be getting colder children can bring a plain black/grey tracksuit into school for outdoor PE.

Full school uniform should be worn every day including black school shoes. **All items need to be labelled.** Plain stud earrings can be worn, however they need to be removed for PE. No nail varnish is to be worn. A water bottle with your child's name also needs to come into school and be taken home each day for washing.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Harvest Festival**

**Individual Photos**

**Parents Evening**

**Dates to follow**

### Independent Home Learning

Homework will be sent out next week and will include a project based task, spellings and a quick skills burst task for Grammar and Maths. Reading and times tables (2,3,5 and 10) should also be practised regularly with your child as they are important in all elements of your child's learning.

Parents are welcome in the class room at any time so feel free to call in before or after school.

Kind Regards,

Miss Whitehead, Miss Renshaw and Mrs Constantine