



# Hello and welcome to 2C. Autumn 2022



Meet the team

Mrs Cowdell

Mr Clements/Miss Edwards

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good summer. This newsletter aims to answer any questions you may have and give you some information about what your child will be learning this term.

I am Mrs Cowdell and I am excited to be teaching your children in Year 2 this academic year! It has been lovely to see all the smiles and enthusiasm as the children have returned to school. They have transitioned really well from Year 1 and are adapting to new routines brilliantly.

When I am planning your new exciting activities, Mrs Cradock and Miss Monk will be teaching PE, Phonics and RE. This is currently on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk) or leave a message with the office on 01384 389900 if you have any questions.

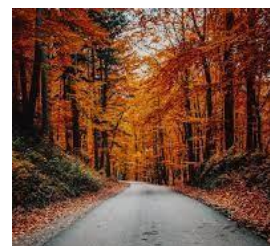
## Curriculum

During the Autumn term, we are focusing on settling the children back in to school and the new daily routines.

English	Children will be taking part in daily phonics lessons. We will spend time recapping previous knowledge and then moving through the phases. During the first week of term, children were assessed and have now taken a <u>colour banded book</u> home to read. This reading assessment not only covered the children's ability to read words, but respond to punctuation, fluency of reading and comprehension skills. During this term, children will be working on poetry, rhyming words, similes, alliteration and Kennings. They will also be writing narratives and instructions. We will be encouraging children to practice their letter formation and increase their stamina for writing more at length.
Maths	During this term we will be looking at place value. The children will count forwards and backwards in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. We will work on understanding the amount of tens and ones in a two digit number and then begin to use a place value chart to add and subtract. Towards the end of the autumn term we will investigate 2D and 3D shape learning their properties and names.
Science	This term in Year 2 we will be doing Chemistry; learning about different types of materials and about Charles Macintosh who invented the modern raincoat. We will also doing Biology; learning about animals and life processes, and looking at Louis Pasteur and germs.
Art	We are learning about landscape artist John Constable. We will be looking at the processes and effects used to create a landscape using paint.



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DT	We are investigating wheels and axels as part of our learning on mechanisms. We will work towards making our own axels and wheeled vehicle.
Computing	This term we will be looking at Coding and algorithms on the Chrome Books.
Geography	In Geography we will be learning about mapping; creating a map of the school. We will also look at mapping the world, the 5 oceans and the 7 continents.
History	In History, we will be learning about; Emmeline Pankhurst suffragette, Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the world wide web and also the Wright Brothers who designed the first aircraft.
PE	Autumn 1 - Gymnastics skills. Autumn 2 - Team Building games.
PSHE	Our relationships theme will concentrate on Friendship, feeling lonely, and managing arguments. We will also be looking at what bullying is. We will talk about how words and actions can impact on our friends and how we can show respect for others
RE	We will be studying Christianity during this term. We will explore some of the stories of Jesus and how these impact the lives of Christians today.

## Important Notes

- Please **label** all items of clothing, shoes and personal belongings that your child wears or brings to school. This will help us get it back to you if it is lost.
- Your child will need to bring a labelled water bottle in with them each day.
- Please no big bags (we just don't have the room!), just book bags and lunchboxes.
- At break time, children will have the option of fruit or can bring in a healthy snack from home (fruit or vegetables).
- PE will be on **Monday afternoon** and **Thursday morning**. Please ensure that your child's kit is labelled and in a named bag. We would be grateful if earrings could be taken out and hair tied back. Children will get dressed for PE at school and can leave their PE kits on their pegs in the cloakroom area.
- Reading books will be changed on **Monday** and **Friday**.
- Helpful websites.



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<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.roythezebra.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Please let us know if there will be a different adult collecting your child than normal at the end of the day. This will allow us to ensure a smooth home time routine.

Thank you for your continued support!

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