

Best Year 2 Lessons to send home to parents

Choosing work to send home for parents to do with your class can be challenging. You need lessons that don't require a lot of resources, that parents will be able to deliver easily and that children will enjoy and be engaged with.

That's where we come in! We've been through our vast library of lesson planning and picked out the lessons you can send home with a minimum of fuss while feeling confident each lesson contains valuable, purposeful learning.

Every scheme of work has a clear learning sequence, with easy-to-follow lesson plans, slideshows and printable resources. But don't worry if not all your children have access to a printer. Here is our [handy video](#) explaining how the resources can be used on a tablet or computer (skip to 3 minutes in).

NB: Some lessons may refer to group work or adult support. In most cases, this is optional and the activity will work just as well with independent learning or parental support.

English

General English schemes:

The selection of English lessons below require no further resources apart from those included within the packs:

Year 2: African Tails: Fact Books

The three Fact Book lessons within this 'African Tails' English pack are great stand-alone lessons to get children learning and sharing amazing facts about African animals.

English Schemes based on books:

We have a selection of easy-to-follow English lessons based on children's books. For copyright reasons, we are unable to provide the text with the resources. Many families may well have these texts anyway but if not, you can usually find a free version online, for example being read on a YouTube video.

Year 2: African Tails: Narrative

Lessons based on 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' by David Axtell

Children will read and explore the story 'We're going on a lion hunt' before practising writing descriptive sentences. They will then plan and write their own stories.

Maths

All of our Maths schemes come as stand-alone week blocks of planning and are perfect for sending home to the children. Most require no further resources in order to successfully complete the lessons, although lessons relating to measure, specifically, length, weight and capacity will usually require measuring equipment, such as rulers, tape measures, weighing scales, measuring cylinders, etc.

Here's our pick of our top Year 2 Maths schemes that can be easily delivered at home:

[Year 2: Can we find fractions of numbers?](#)

This series of five lessons will help children become more familiar with fractions in a variety of contexts. They will learn how to identify what fraction of a set of objects is shaded, how to find fractions of numbers, how to count in fractions on a number line, and much more!

[Year 2: Let's Go Shopping](#)

These money lessons will take children on virtual shopping trips to help them develop their understanding of money (and how to spend it!).

[Year 2: Let's Solve Missing Number Problems](#)

These five lessons include engaging activities with which children can improve their addition and subtraction skills through missing number challenges.

Science

Many of our Science lessons include practical experiments that are not necessarily suitable for home learning. Here, we have picked out the schemes of work that do not require additional resources. Where extra resources or equipment may be required, we have listed them below.

[Year 2: Growth and Survival](#)

All lessons can be taught at home.

[Year 2: Living in Habitats](#)

All lessons can be taught at home.

However, Lesson 5 requires children to explore minibeasts in an outdoor environment, which may be difficult for some families.

Year 1 & Year 2: Arctic Adventures Science

Lessons 2 and 3 from this short series themed around the Arctic can be taught at home. However, lesson 2 will require some ice cubes to be made beforehand.

Year 1 & Year 2: Ocean Animal (FREE Mini-Scheme)

All three lessons in this short series can be taught from home.

History

These History schemes of work have been chosen because they can be delivered by parents with no prior knowledge of the topic and no specialist resources or materials.

Year 1 & Year 2: Communication Then and Now

This fun scheme of work explores the history of communication from cave paintings and ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics to morse code, telephones and the world wide web.

Year 1 & Year 2: Toys Past and Present

In these six lessons, children will explore old and new toys, finding out which toys were popular in different decades of the twentieth century and exploring what we can learn about the past from the toys people used to play with.

Geography

This selection of Geography lessons allow children to continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world around them whilst being taught at home. They are all simple for parents and carers to deliver and don't require any additional resources.

Year 1 & Year 2: Around the World

These lessons visit a specific country in each continent over the course of the scheme of work, making it great to dip in and out of, during lockdown. Children will explore where in the world each of the continents and countries being studied are, and find out about their physical and human geography.

Year 1 & Year 2: The Four Seasons

This set of six lessons explore when the four seasons are in the UK and the features of each one, all through fun activities.

Art

Because of the practical nature of Art lessons, we have chosen stand-alone activities as opposed to complete schemes of work here, based on the assumption that many families will not have the necessary art materials and equipment at home for many of our Art lessons.

The lessons chosen below all work well as lessons that can be easily delivered at home with a minimum of supplies, which we have listed for convenience.

NB: The abbreviation 'FSD activity' refers to our 'Fancy Something Different...?' activity which is offered as an alternative to the main activity in each lesson.

All About Me Art Lesson 3 - Name Word Art

- Main activity: paper and pens
- FSD activity: paper straws

Superheroes Art Lesson 1 - Drawing Superheroes

- Main activity: paper and pens
- FSD activity: toy figures, paper and pens

Design & Technology

Most DT schemes of work are very practical in nature and require a variety of materials and tools. The lessons below require a minimum of additional resources and are most likely to be able to be taught by parents at home.

The lessons below can be taught at home with a few ingredients or basic supplies.

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Homes

In this scheme of work, children will investigate, design and build model homes.

Materials needed:

- Recycled materials, such as cardboard boxes and tubes, food packaging, paper, newspaper, matchsticks, lolly sticks, fabric scraps, cupcake cases, etc.

- Tools, such as glue, scissors, masking or sticky tape, sticky tack, string.

Stable Structures

In this scheme of work, children will explore a toy car garage before designing, making and evaluating a stable structure of their own.

Materials needed:

- In lesson 1, the main activity requires children to explore a toy garage but the FSD activity requires no further resources if children do not have one at home.
- Recycled materials, such as cardboard boxes and tubes, food packaging, paper, newspaper, matchsticks, lolly sticks, etc.
- Tools, e.g, scissors, glue, masking or sticky tape.

Cooking schemes of work:

We have several schemes of work that require children to cook simple savoury and sweet recipes. These could be sent home as suggestions for children to cook with their parents. The simplest of these, requiring fewest ingredients, is Perfect Pizzas:

Perfect Pizzas

In this series of five lessons, children will explore how to eat healthily by investigating, designing and making pizzas. NB: Access to an oven is required for lesson 5.

Materials needed:

- Variety of breads to taste test in lesson 2, then to use as the base for their pizza in lesson 5, e.g. pitta, wraps, naan
- Variety of pizza toppings, e.g. cheese, tomato puree, vegetables, pepperoni, chicken.

Other simple cookery schemes include [Eat More Fruit and Vegetables](#), [Seaside Snacks](#) and [Teddy Bear's Picnic](#).