

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1

Message from Teachers

Happy New Year. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas with your families.

Key Dates for the Diary

Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger) – Tuesday 1st February

Children's Mental Health Week – w.c. 7th February
(Growing Together)

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February

Random Acts of Kindness Day – Thursday 17th February

End of term: Friday 18th February

Key Information

Our PE day is now **Tuesday**. As these lessons will sometimes be outdoors we would appreciate it if you could provide your child with joggers and a hoodie with their P.E. kit.

Reading day - Please ensure that your child continues to return their reading book and reading record to school on their designated reading day. Please try to read with your child as much as you possibly can. Thank you.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and must be returned by Wednesday at the latest. Could you please encourage your child to spend some time each week on Times Tables Rockstars to support their times tables tests in school?

Please can you send your child's **water bottle** into school every day (water only please).



Our Learning in Year Two

Maths: This half term we have continued with our work on **Addition and Subtraction**. We will be focusing on adding and subtracting numbers within 100 which will help us to develop our knowledge and understanding of number bonds to 100 and the relationship between addition and subtraction (inverse). We will soon begin to learn how to use the formal column method for addition and subtraction. The next unit will be **Multiplication and Division**.



English: This half term, we will begin by completing a non-fiction unit based on the story of 'Billy the Brave Knight'. This unit focuses on 'discussion' and will involve looking at arguments both for and against whether or not Billy should have saved the princess. The children will learn the language, vocabulary and layout required for non-fiction writing and how this differs from writing a story. Our next unit will be based on the text, 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and our focus will be 'recount' writing.

Other Curriculum Areas

Phonics: During phonics this half term, we will be focusing on the different spellings for the sounds /n /, /er / and /v /. We will continue to recap some of the Year 1 spellings and the children will be reading and writing words containing the focus sounds linked to their homework.

History: In history, we will learn about Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II during our 'Comparing Queens' topic.



Science: Our Science topic is 'Animals including Humans' and we will learn about life cycles, staying healthy and what we need to survive.

P.E.: This half term in P.E. the children will be working with Mr Derrick.



Art: In Art we will be focusing on 'Observation and Drawing Skills'.



R.E./RSHE: This half term our R.E. topic is 'Books' where we will learn about the importance of books, including the Bible.

In RSHE, we will continue to use TenTen and we will be focusing on the next two units which are 'Emotional Well-being' and 'Life Cycles'.

