

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring

Message from teachers:

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful, restful winter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear all about the exciting memories they have made during their time off. We cannot wait to dive into the spring term with plenty exciting activities and new learning planned for the children. We wish you all a healthy and happy 2025!

Key Dates:

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February.
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February.
Half term – W/C Monday 24th February
Music Festival – Thursday 20th March
Easter break – W/C Monday 14th April

Key Information:

P.E. – Your child's P.E. lessons are currently on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school both days. Many of the lessons take place in the Junior School, could we please ask that they have trainers and joggers for walking between the schools as the weather turns colder. Thank you. Also, could you please make sure that their name is written/attached to all of their clothing.

Reading day - Could you please send your child's reading book and reading record book in to school on their designated reading day which is written on the front cover of their reading record book. Please try to read with your child as much as you possibly can and record this in their record book.

Water bottles – Please send your child's **water bottle** into school every day. **Water only please.**

Homework - The children will bring their homework home each Friday. This is to be completed and then returned to school each Wednesday.



Our Learning in Year Two



Maths: This term we will be moving onto the unit **Multiplication and Division**. Your child will learn to: recognise and make equal groups, use arrays, divide by 2, double and half a number, and divide by 2, 5, and 10. It is important that the children are confident with their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables and practise these regularly at home. Our next units in maths will be **Money and Fractions**.

English: This term we will be writing our own non-fiction explanation texts and recounts. We will be reading the story, *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark*. The children will continue to strengthen their grammatical knowledge by using contractions, verbs, adjectives and expanded noun phrases in their independent work.

Other Curriculum Areas

Phonics: During phonics this half term, we will focus on the different spellings for sounds from Sounds Write - Extended Code. Homework spellings will be based upon words containing the focus sounds as well as 2 common exception words which must be learnt each week.

History: In history, we will be comparing queens, we will learn about what a monarch is and focussing on Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I. We will be comparing the reigns of these three queens and looking at what life was like in Britain during that time.

Science: Our science units will be 'Animals and Living Things' and 'Plants'.

P.E.: The P.E. this half term will focus on dance, gymnastics, cheerleading and attack vs defence team games and tactics.

Music: This term in music lessons, we will be learning about time signatures, thinking about the beat in key songs. The song we will be learning is 'Evening Star', which is in a $\frac{3}{4}$ time signature. We will also be recreating rhythms similar to the Japanese Gamelan Ensemble using percussion instruments.

R.E/Personal Development: This term in R.E, we will cover the Local Church topic of Books, we will learn about the importance of the Bible and the Gospels. In Personal Development, we will be using Ten Ten and will cover the topics of 'Personal Relationships' and 'Life Online'.

Art: We will be looking at sculpture; we will design and make our own African Masks and taking inspiration from Esther Mahlangu.

Computing: Our topic is Computer Networks and we will look at the uses of computers and animations.

