



Year 2

Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! We are now back in full swing after the Christmas break! This newsletter will give you an outline of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term plus other important news! Children will be given homework on a Friday night. Please could you remind children to return homework by the following Thursday. We encourage you to support your child in these activities to reinforce work we will be covering during the school week. We thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation. If you have any questions / queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs Harris-Matthews and Mrs Wilson (Year 2 Teachers)



English

Reading

Texts we will be covering this term are:

The Quangle Wangle's Hat

Coming to England

Mrs Noah's Pockets

Rhythm of the Rain

Little People Big Dreams

Writing

Genres of writing we will be covering this term are:

Poetry on a theme (humorous)

Non-Chronological reports

Formal invitations

Stories from other cultures

Recounts from personal experiences

Phonics, spelling and handwriting as well as speaking and listening skills will continue to be embedded throughout the English curriculum.



Mathematics

During the Spring Term we will be working towards the objectives below. The children will also take part in a weekly mental maths test.



Money: Recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value, find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money, solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

Multiplication and Division: Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs, show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot solve problems involving multiplication and division including problems in contexts..

Length and Height: Compare lengths and heights, measure length in cm and m. Compare and order lengths. Children will draw on their skills of the four operations and apply their understanding to length solving one-step and two-step problems.

Mass, Capacity and Temperature: Children will be introduced to weight and mass. They will measure and compare mass in grams and kilograms. They will be introduced to capacity and volume. They will measure capacity in millilitres and litres. They will explore temperature and read thermometers using the units 'degrees Centigrade', written $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Science



Electricity

Children will explore how electricity is a form of energy. They will investigate creating simple circuits to understand how electricity flows. They will investigate conductive and non-conductive materials as well as understanding how to be safe using electricity.

Plants

Children will be able to recognise that seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will investigate what healthy plants need to grow and will also make predictions about plant growth. They will gain a deeper understanding of how plants are grown for food.

Computing

Robot Algorithms Children will gain an understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. They will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome.

Pictograms Children will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will progress onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams.



Music

We will be exploring three topics during this term and the children will have the opportunity to understand music through copying and creating rhythmic patterns. They will use correct vocabulary and compose their own music through instruments and singing.

Grandma Rap – musical focus Duration

Orawa – musical focus Beat, rhythm, repetition, structure, 20th century classical music.

Trains – musical focus To create music inspired by train travel, volume/dynamics, speed/tempo

History

Through our Tudors Topic, the children will have the opportunity to learn about the life of King Henry VIII. They will learn about his part in the English Reformation and will look at the lives of his children and their impact in History. They will learn about Elizabeth I and her reign which lasted 44 years. They will explore the Elizabethan era and key figures from this time.



Geography

Through our topic of The British Isles, the children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. They will use geographical vocabulary to identify human and physical features. They will identify similarities and differences with a contrasting Non-European country.

Art

Portraits & Self Portraits - The children will explore portraits, self-portraits and create an artist study on Picasso. Through this, they will evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design. They will build upon techniques including drawing and painting.

Landscapes & Symmetry – The children will compare landscape paintings and look at the ways different artists create landscape paintings. They will experiment with different techniques and media to create their own landscapes.

Design Technology

Sew – Pencil Cases

The children will research and investigate the uses of materials to design and make a pencil case to be used at home or at school. They will then have the opportunity to evaluate their finished product describing what they think works well and what they would possibly change to improve their design.

PE

The health and well-being of our children is really important. The children will be participating in PE lessons twice a week as well as an activity in class every day. This term the children will be taking part in:

- Target Games
- Gymnastics

Year Two PE days for this half term are Mondays and Wednesdays

Important Notices

- ☉ PE Days for Year 2 this term are Mondays and Wednesdays PE kits are required: navy shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls. As you will be aware PE is often taught outside and as the weather is changing full outdoor PE kits will be required which is white t-shirt, navy tracksuit bottoms and navy sweatshirt/jacket.
- ☉ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled.
- ☉ A reminder that any jewellery is not permitted in school.
- ☉ We encourage all children in Year 2 to bring a water bottle into school. As part of our healthy schools initiative please ensure only water is in their bottle.
- ☉ Please read regularly with your child, they love to receive their rewards for regular reading!
- ☉ **Parent Consultations for Year 2 parents will be Wednesday 7th February between 9am and 6pm. Look out for a letter to arrange your appointment.**

If you have any concerns or queries then please call in and see us. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Mrs Harris-Matthews and Mrs Wilson

RE

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Lent (Easter) and Eucharist (Relating).

We will approach the themes through the topics:



- Books
- Thanksgiving
- Opportunities