

Year 2 Spring Term Topics

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely end of term break!

We would like to thank you for all your support last term and we look forward to another fun filled busy term with the children. This term we will be learning some exciting things and we have a visit from the Animal Man planned in the second half term to link in with our science curriculum from last term to consolidate previous learning.

Reading:	In Reading, we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Children will continue to develop their predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising skills through lots of group discussion. They will also complete independent activities to show off their understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts. Please ensure your child reads at home on a daily basis. In order to improve fluency, children need to read aloud as 'story-tellers' so they can include expression. All of the children have developed an enjoyment of discussing what they read, so please ask them questions so they can show off to you!
Writing:	In our English lessons, we will be exploring a variety of text types such as writing character descriptions, based on the stories that we read as part of our Reading lessons. In our writing, we will continue to use basic punctuation, as well as including conjunctions (and, but, or, because, when, if, that) and expanded noun phrases (the great, wrinkly elephant) to include more detail in our writing. Children will be using their ever-expanding vocabulary to describe events and emotions.
Maths:	This term, the children will continue to practise using a variety of strategies to answer +, -, x and ÷ number sentences; we will then be using and applying these strategies to answer a variety of worded and 2-step problems. Children will regularly have the opportunity to quickly recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables so please ensure they practise chanting them at home. We will also be applying our mathematical skills to the world around us, solving problems including length, capacity and weight. In order to support your child in developing their mathematical understanding, please take every opportunity to discuss measurements and shapes with them.
Science:	This term, our topic will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be finding out, through investigation, about how animals are suited to the habitats that they live in. In addition, we will be finding out how an animal's habitat provides everything that they need to survive.
R.E.:	Through lots of discussion as a class, we will explore two topics; 'Creating Unity and Harmony, Participating and Willing to Lead' and 'Caring for Others, Animals and the Environment, Being Merciful and Forgiving'.
P.H.S.E.:	Our topics for PSHE lessons are; Belonging to a community; Media literacy and digital resilience.
P.E.:	This half term, the children will be focusing on ball skills, developing their throwing and catching skills and will be learning how to work together. Children will also be taught by a sports coach who will focus on athletics.
Across the curriculum:	Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to develop their creative skills through; music, design and technology and art. In art we are looking at underwater seascapes and in DT we shall be exploring axels and washers and we will be making vehicles. In Geography we will be learning about hot and cold places. After half term, we will be studying History by looking at The Great Fire of London.

Important information

Please make sure your child brings their book and book bag to school every day.

P.E is currently on a Wednesday afternoon and the focus is on Dance. Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit for the day.

How can you help?

You can help us in school by:

- Reading everyday with your child, this really helps your child progress and develop an enjoyment for reading.
- Talk to your child about their day. Ask what they have enjoyed about each day. Being able to answer questions in full sentences will help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding.
- Making sure your child gets lots of sleep.
- Bringing in a water bottle every day.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Harris, Mrs Sills, Mr Smitten, Mrs Campbell and Miss Davies.