

YEAR 2 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas.

In English this half term, we will be looking at stories from around the world. We will be focusing on 'Handa's surprise' which is a tale from Kenya. This links in with our geography unit where we are looking closely at hot and cold countries and learning about how our lives differ to those who live in different parts of the world. We will be looking at writing setting descriptions, poetry and a letter. The children will continue to develop their writing skills and the key knowledge and skills we will be learning are: continuing to use the correct tense, including expanded noun phrases, how to use adverbs to describe a verb and using a variety of conjunctions to make their writing even more interesting.

We will continue to place a big focus on our daily phonics lessons to help support the children with their reading and spellings. Please continue to focus on the weekly spellings with your child as this links into our weekly phonics and supports them significantly with their spellings. I will send home this half terms spellings in the first week. At the end of Autumn 2, I re-tested the children on the Y1 common exception words, please continue to work on any they are unsure of as we now need to place a big focus on the 64 Year 2 common exception words but it is essential the children know all of the Y1 CEW's first.

This half term, we will be starting whole class reading lessons to support your child with their reading and comprehension skills. Please continue to read with your child every night as well as asking them a range of questions to ensure they are comprehending what they are reading.

In maths this half term, we will start by looking at shape and the children will learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto money, followed by multiplication and division. We will be looking at dividing by 2, 5 & 10 as well as odd and even numbers. Please continue to play on the game Times table rockstars (TTRS) to help the children begin to learn their timetables. We will continue to have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. Please continue to allow your child to play on hit the button and this enables them to practice quick recall of number facts. I will continue to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise this concept with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts

Important Days

Monday

- Reading books to be changed.
Please bring reading folder.

Tuesday

Spelling test

Tuesday and Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

Thursday 18th January
Year 2 class assembly
@9:05am

Thursday 25th January
Open the book

Tuesday 30th January
Year 2 open classroom
@9am

Monday 5th February
Year Two parents evening
@3:40 – 6:10pm

Wednesday 7th February
Year Two parents evening
@3:40 – 6:10pm

Friday 9th February
School closes

Sunday 18th February
Family Mass @11am

