



Curriculum Letter Year 2 – Spring Term 1 2024

General Information

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for the wonderful books that were donated as part of the '12 Books of Christmas', the children are very excited to read these, and we will be sharing them as a class.

Curriculum

Maths: We will start this term learning about time. We will look at quarter to, quarter past and five-minute intervals as well as sequencing daily events and looking at durations of time. We will then move onto fractions and how this relates to part-whole models, division and understanding fractions as a part of a whole or a whole set. Before half term we will revisit addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers.

English: This half term we will continue to use The Literacy Tree scheme as a basis for our written work. We are beginning our work with the text '*If All The World Were...*' by Joseph Coelho, a story with the theme of change and relationships. which also sensitively tackles the subject of the death of a grandparent. Written outcomes are about using memories, love and the beauty around us to develop resilience and the ability to express and deal with difficult feelings in a positive way. Our second text is '*Rosie Revere, Engineer*' by Andrea Beatty and covers the themes of determination, resilience and dealing with disappointments and also supports our work in DT and Science.

Science: We will be continuing our learning on materials, specifically looking at, 'Twist, Bend, Stretch and Squash'. The children will be participating in a range of practical experiments that will develop their scientific skills, whilst continuing to learn about the properties and suitability of different everyday materials.

Geography: We will begin the term by learning about 'Our Wonderful World'. Firstly, we will understand human and physical geography in our local area and discuss local landmarks. We will use world maps and atlases to develop our knowledge about the world, as well as use geographical vocabulary to refer to physical and human features.

DT: In Design and Technology, we will be starting a new topic based around structures. The children will be investigating the suitability of materials, such as their strength, to design and make their own chair for Baby Bear. This will link well with our science work too.

Music: Our music unit this half term is '*I Wanna Play in a Band*' where the children will listen and then sing some well-known songs, such as 'We Will Rock You' by Queen and 'I Saw Her Standing There' by The Beatles. They will also use glockenspiels to play some of the songs as a class, using specific notation.

RE: This term we will begin by learning about Judaism and the importance of the different Jewish festivals and how they are celebrated. We will find out about similarities and difference with other religious celebrations and we will discuss many of their traditions.

PSHE: We will learning about economic wellbeing and whether something is a 'need' or a 'want'. We will recognise that people make choices about how to spend their money and explore reasons why people choose certain jobs.



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Class Reads: Our class read will be *'The Twits'* by Roald Dahl. We will be reading a variety of different texts linked to our English topics.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for **Tuesdays** with Coach Kymani. We also have indoor PE on **Wednesdays**. Indoor PE kits will stay in school. The children are getting much better at dressing themselves, however they still find buttons and ties a bit tricky, so any practicing of this at home would be a great help.

Reading and Spellings

This term in our whole class guided reading sessions we will be reinforcing the skills needed to complete comprehension tasks. Please continue to make time to read with your child and for your child to be read to, as well as asking them questions about the story to help with their understanding.

The children may also be set a spelling task for homework. Common exception words for Year 2 have been saved in Teams, please have a look through these with your child.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on Microsoft Teams and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash, this will be indicated on weekly homework message posted on Teams.

Key Dates

Half term:	Monday 12th - Friday 16 th February
INSET day:	Monday 19 th February
Start of Spring term 2:	Tuesday 20 th February