



Curriculum Letter Year 2 – Spring Term 2 2024

General Information

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children having been sharing their half term stories and are ready for more learning and get ready for the fun build up to Easter!

Curriculum

Maths: We begin this term by continuing our unit on addition and subtraction, the children are using the 'make ten' strategy to add and subtract 2 2-digit numbers. We will then move on to money where they will recognise the correct symbols for pounds and pence, find different combinations of coins and solve simple problems in a practical context. In our final unit of the half term we will be learning about 2D and 3D shape. We will be exploring properties of shape, correct terminology and position and direction.

English: This half term, we will be looking at two texts. Our first is *'Jim and the Beanstalk'* by Raymond Briggs. This is a sequel to the traditional fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. Many years after Jack climbed the beanstalk for the first time, a boy called Jim climbs the beanstalk and discovers an elderly giant with poor eyesight, no teeth and a lack of hair! The children will act out key events in the story, sequence events to produce a story map and use this to retell the story.

Our other text will be *'House Held Up By Trees'* by Ted Kooser which looks at the themes of nature, creation and conservation. We will be studying trees in our school grounds to support the learning in this unit. Both texts fit perfectly with our science topic this term.

Science: We will be continuing our science learning with a unit about 'Young Gardeners.' The children will be planting beans and learning about the conditions needed for plants to grow healthily. We are looking forward to planting and growing a variety of seeds and using our school environment to support this learning.

History: This term we will be finding out about *'Local Heroes.'* The children will be taught about primary and secondary sources and we will use these to gather evidence about the past. These sources can be useful ways to gain more information about a person who lived hundreds of years ago. Our significant person will be Sir Nicholas Rainton, who was the owner of Forty Hall. We will be visiting inside Forty Hall, to see how documents, paintings and other wonderful artefacts.

Art: Prepare to get messy! This term, our learning is based on *Sculpture* and we will be experimenting with mark-making in clay, techniques for joining clay, making 'pinch pots' and designing and making house tiles from clay.

RE: This term we will start by learning about the story of Noah's Ark. We will discuss why God sent a flood and why he chose Noah to save the animals and bring good into the world. We will follow on from this with our unit for Easter, learning about the story of Easter and important Easter symbols and what they represent. We will also go on a trip to Holtwhites Bakery to buy a hot cross bun!

PSHE: This half term we will complete our learning on *Economic Wellbeing* by celebrating that we are all unique and have different skills. We will reflect on our part in the world and that everyone is welcome. Our next unit is looking at *Family and Relationships*, where we will look at different families, how friendships can make us feel, stereotypes and also how change and loss can affect us.



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Class Reads: Our class read will be '*George's Marvellous Medicine*' by Roald Dahl and '*The Hodgeheg*' by Dick King-Smith. We will also 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. Please continue to practise tying a tie and shoelaces at home.

Reading and Spellings

This half term we will continue to build on and develop our comprehension skills. 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 and comprehension.

The children may also be set a spelling task for homework.

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

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| World Book Day/Dress Up Day: | Thursday 7 th March |
| PTA Wonka Bar sale after school: | Thursday 7 th March |
| Parents Evening Online: | Tuesday 19 th and Thursday 21 st March |
| End of term: | Thursday 28 th March at 2.00 p.m. |
| Easter: | Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 th April |
| Start of Summer Term 1: | Monday 15 th April |