

2W Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 2025



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Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back Year 2!
I hope that you have all had a restful Christmas break spent with family and friends.
As always, if there are any questions or queries which arise over the course of this half term, please try and catch me on the door at the end of the day, or alternatively make an appointment with the office.

Don't Forget:

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
Reading books will be changed as regularly as the children read them, but we would ask if you could read with your child at least 3-4 times a week.
Maths homework will be given out on a Friday afternoon and checked on a Wednesday afternoon.

English:

This half term children will be looking at stories from other cultures focusing on the fictional text of 'Lila and the secret of rain.' Children will read and understand the text using the comprehension skills VIPERS, and complete their own independent write for a setting description.
Children will also complete a non-fiction read based upon the life and adventures of Christopher Columbus. They will independently complete a non-chronological report.

Maths:

We have a busy term again in maths! Year 2 will be learning about: Multiplication and division, statistics, shape and fractions.
Their morning work each day will look back at all the maths topics they have covered so far this year, to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of each topic. Children will then use games, discussion and workbooks to consolidate each weekly topic.
They are still learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science:

The children will be learning about the Biology topic of: Plants.
Year 2 will observe and record with a range of accuracy the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed to a bulb. Children will solidify their understanding of plants by setting up a comparative test to show how plants need light and water to stay healthy.

Phonics:

In Year 2, Phonics is streamed based on the children's reading ability. They follow a three day plan following the Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme. Children will read a book in class and take home a 'Book Bag Book' to read at home, this will consolidate their in class learning. Children will also be given a 'free read' which will be changed as regularly as the children read this book, and have it signed in their planners by an adult at home.

Computing:

Children will be using Scratch to create a car animation. In this topic, we will work on instructional language and debugging different parts of code so that our code work effectively. In this unit, we will also focus on terms such as algorithms and how computers process this information.

P.E.:

This half term children will be developing their balance, agility and co-ordination as they focus on 'gymnastics.'

R.E.:

In Year 2, children will look at stories from the Bible where Jesus was a friend. They will look at how Jesus treated other people and see how we can do the same; accepting and caring about everyone.
At the end of the term, children will look at the Christian celebration of Easter.

P.S.H.E.:

This term, children will be focusing on family and friends. They will understand the common features of family life and what makes a good friend.

Music:

Children will listen to and appraise the song of, 'I wanna play in a band!' . By the end of the term, all children should all be able to perform, improvise and compose a song, based upon, 'I wanna play in a band.'

Geography:

Children will be comparing the physical geography of North America with Europe. Children will draw upon their compass knowledge and their recognition of key landmarks; both physical and human features in order to identify similarities and differences between these two places.

History:

This term Year 2 will be looking at the lives of significant figures in the past. Children will focus on the two explorers of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They will compare the similarities and differences between these two famous explorers.

Art:

This term we are looking at the artwork of the American sculptor Keith Haring. The children will create their own 3D sculptor in the style of Keith Haring.

D.T.:

Year 2 will design, make and evaluate a moving vehicle. The children will choose how they construct the chassis, what kind of wheels and axles to use, how they will create the body of the vehicle and how they will make their vehicle look fantastic!