

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Key Dates:

6th Jan - Inset day

7th Jan - Children return to school

16th - 22th Feb - Half term

1st and 2nd Apr – Parents' evening

4th Apr - End of Term

Reminders:

- **Uniform:** Always wear the correct school uniform.
- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Tuesday** (Coach Johnny).
- Please wear your PE kit to school each Tuesday. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** Homework is set on Fridays and collected in the following Friday. Homework is set online using Spelling Shed and Numbots/TTRS. **Login details are in your child's reading record.**
- Guided reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please **re-read your books** on the days that books are not changed. This is very important.
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and record something in their yellow Reading Record. For those on chapter books, it is still important that they have the opportunity to read to an adult and discuss the book.
- **Reading records are checked daily and need to be in school every day.** They are also used to communicate with parents, so please do check for notes (and of course, feel free to respond).

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for a time after school.

Miss Owens, Year 2 Class Teacher

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'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



Year 2

Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Our science topic this term is

Materials



Our humanities topic this term is

Nurturing Nurses



Humanities

Key Question

How did some people make big changes around the world?

In History, will be learning about three important healthcare heroes: Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale, and Edith Cavell. We will learn to sequence the key events and use sources to learn about the impact these figures had on nursing and healthcare.

In Geography, we will be learning about hot and cold places and the equator, and learn to name and locate continents, oceans and countries related to our study.

Art and DT

In Art we will be focusing on sculpture, making statues of our Topic historical figures.

In DT we will be designing, creating and evaluating our own pop up cards.

Music

Our units will be focused by a song called 'I wanna play in a band' and the children will learn to listen to and appraise songs, learn to perform songs with instruments and finally, to compose and perform a song of their own.

PSHE

We will be learning about keeping safe online, indoors and outside. We will also be learning about different medicines and how to use them safely.

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Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on two texts – *Rapunzel* and *The Storm Whale*. We will be using these to inspire us in a variety of different writing topics, including story writing and instruction writing.

You can support your child by encouraging them to do writing at home - whether it's about a trip to the park or writing up a recipe you make together! We will also be developing children's reading and comprehension skills using some wonderful stories including *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Storm Whale*.

RE

Our big questions will be 'Why are they having a party?' (Judaism). The children will be exploring religious festivals including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Hanukkah.

In the lead up to Easter, the children will be finding out, how do the symbols of Easter help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?

PE

This term Year 2 will be working with Coach Johnny, who will be developing different aspects of dance and athletics.

Science

Key Question

Does it matter what things are made from?

We will be learning about materials and their properties. We will identify what different materials are made of and we will sort them by their properties. We will do some scientific investigations and record our results in different ways. We will also be learning about some inspirational scientists and their work including inventor Garrett Morgan and chemist Stephanie Kwolek.

Maths

In Maths we will be working on using money, as well as multiplication and division. Children will continue focusing on the 2, 5 and 10x tables. We will use arrays, sharing and grouping as well as more formal multiplication. Remember to continue practising your timetables at home as this will help the children to develop quick recall! At the end of term, will also be learning about measurement including length, height, mass, capacity, and temperature.

Computing

This term we will be working on storing and collecting data on the website Busy Things. We will work on editing and saving personal projects and practise using and responding to digital feedback.

We will also continue our learning about how to keep safe online.