



Spring Curriculum Newsletter – Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back children and families; we hope you all had a wonderful break! The children had a great first term in Year 2 and worked incredibly hard. We are now looking forward to exploring, discovering, and learning even more!

This term the children in 2F will be taught by Mrs Dalglish one afternoon a week and the children in 2H will be taught by Mrs Danby one afternoon a week.

Please remember that the weather over spring, as always, will be very changeable, therefore children will need to bring a warm coat to school every day.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Flynn and Miss Harrower

Homework

Reading: Year 2 children are expected to read to an adult for 20 minutes each night. Books will continue to be changed on Mondays, as in the Autumn Term. Please ensure that you have signed and commented weekly in your child's reading record.

Spellings: Children will be given a set of spellings each Monday in their reading record, which will be posted on Seesaw for them to practice and test at home. This phonetic focus will be taught throughout the week in various ways so that the children are familiar with them.

Important Days

Monday – return reading books/new books

Spelling Test and new spellings sent home

PE kit in school for Mondays

Important Dates

12th January – Year 2 Skipping School Workshop (in school)

14th January – Year 1 and 2 Movie Night (Friends PTA)

4th February 2.45pm – SEND Coffee and Catch-up

4th February – 2F Class Assembly (9am)

9th February – Training Day (school closed to pupils)

11th February – Watch Us Learn (9.00-9.35am)

12th February – Harmony and Diversi tea'

13th February – Year 2 Gunpowder Plot Workshop (in school)

13th February – Break up for Half Term (back to school Monday 23rd February)

5th March – World Book Day

11-16th March – Book Fair in the hall

30th March/1st April – Parent/Teacher Consultations

3rd April – Bank Holiday (School closed – back to school Monday 20th April)

**ENGLISH**

This term, we will be learning about how to write adventurous narratives, reports and acrostic poetry. Our texts will focus on The Naughty Bus, The Journey Home, and non-fiction texts linked to our science topics. In Phonics, we will be learning how to add various suffixes to the ends of words.

MATHS

This half term, the children will be learning all about multiplication and division of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will also be exploring money and adding and subtracting amounts. Later in the term, they will be learning about fractions of quantities, shapes, and amounts.

SCIENCE

In science will be exploring materials and their properties. We will be investigating the use of everyday materials through different experiments. We will also be looking at the life cycles of humans and animals.

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

In History, we will be learning about the events and times surrounding the Gunpowder Plot. We will learn about Guy Fawkes, the events leading up to the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night today as well as what it was like to live in the Stuart era. In Geography, we are going to focus on maps and planning journeys.

ART / DT

DT will focus on vehicles, exploring axels, chassis, and wheels. The children will investigate these components and make their own moving skateboard! In Art, the children will discuss a range of portrait artists and experiment with tone and shading to create their own self

RE

In spring term, we will be learning about how different religions pray and reflect.

MUSIC

The children will be learning how symbols can be used to represent sound and describe how sounds can be changed, learning all about 'pitch'. We will continue to learn to play the boomwhackers.

PE

This term, we are learning to express ourselves through the medium of dance. We will use a story to retell the events through independent and small group compositions. We will also be exploring dynamic balance on different apparatus.

COMPUTING

This term, our focus is digital photography and learning the skills needed to take a good photograph. The children will also be learning about Probots and learning how to code them to follow a route. In Online Safety, the children will learn about how to treat other people online with respect and how to search on the Internet effectively using 'keywords' to refine their searches.

PSHE/PSED

In PSHE, we will be learning all about different types of families and how to use medicines responsibly.

In PSED, our focus this term is all about identifying the 'Zones of Regulation', resolving conflicts and promoting a positive sense of self.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Reading with your child on a regular basis, asking them questions about what they have read and returning their reading book on a Monday.
- Helping your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables regularly.
- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle every day.
- Making sure all clothing and items belonging to your child are clearly labelled.

Please see the school [website](#) should you require further information about the Year 2 curriculum.

Don't be late through the gate!

School starts at 8.55am. Getting your child to school on time really matters. Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class.

Being regularly late adds up to a loss of learning time.

5 mins late everyday = over 3 days of learning lost every year

10 mins late everyday = over 7 days of learning lost every year

15 mins late everyday = over 2 weeks of learning lost every year

20 mins late everyday = nearly 3 weeks of learning lost every year

30 mins late everyday = over 4 weeks of learning lost every year



Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs Bowker, Mr Brassil, Mrs Dalgleish or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dalgliesh is the school SENDCo and can help you with any SEND questions or concerns.