



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term 2018



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your winter break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

English

This term we will be looking at stories with a familiar setting with children creating their very own story and persuasive adverts. In the second half of the term we will be focussing on writing a recount letter about our trip and a story with a historical setting.

History

In the first half of the Spring term, we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale. We will be looking at who she was, the events of her life and the impact that she had. We will have many opportunities to write a biography, diary entries and a persuasive letter. We also hope to take a trip to the Florence Nightingale museum. In the second half of the Spring term we will be learning about World War 1 (WW1) focussing on the reasons it started, the life of soldiers and understand what life was like for those left at home linking it back to Remembrance Day.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topics will be all about living in the wider world, so children will be looking at making a positive contribution and keeping safe.

In Year 2 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 10 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record every day.
- Practise their 2, 5 and 10 time tables in a random order.
- Practise their handwriting, spellings every week.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Follow school rules at all times and follow the core ARA values- **Respect, Honesty and Kindness**

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports. Children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of spring term in a random order. Please support them with this. We will place a strong focus on arithmetic, shapes, fractions and money.

Computing

This half term we will be focussing on Animal top trumps, where a beebot controlled by the children goes to collect the animal cards. We will then be moving onto multimedia within this topic.

Science

Our first topic this term is 'Take Care' where we will be learning about how to take care of ourselves. We will focus on personal hygiene and how to stay fit and healthy. In the second part of the Spring term, we will be studying 'The Apprentice Gardener' examining how living things such as bulbs and seeds grow into beautiful spring flowers. Both topics will include practical investigations conducting fair tests.

RE

In RE we will be learning all about the importance of water for living things, symbols and in different cultures and how it promotes children's learning and understanding of the world.

REMINDER

Homework with a focus on spellings and times tables will be sent home on Tuesdays. Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a Monday and left in all week. Children should take it home on Friday to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 2 team if you have any questions.