



## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2023



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

### Class texts

In our English Unit, we will be reading, 'The Koala Who Could' by Rachel Bright. In our whole class reading lessons, we will be exploring, 'Jim and the Beanstalk.' Our specific focus will be to develop our vocabulary, retrieval and inference skills. At the end of the day, we will be reading, 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.'

### English

This term, we will be looking at the writing genre of persuasion. We will produce a persuasive text to persuade Kevin down the tree. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Here we will write a letter in the perspective of a glue stick.

### Science

Our first topic this term is 'Take Care'. We will be learning all about how to look after our bodies and observing the effects of exercise on our body. In the second half of spring term, we will be answering the question: What do plants need to help them grow?

### Geography

In this term we will be exploring the United Kingdom to find out how countries in the UK are similar and different. Different physical and human features will be looked at. We will also practise our map skills and use atlases to help us locate countries, continents and cities on a map.

### PSHCE

This term we will be looking at Living in the Wider World. We will look at healthy eating, staying safe in different environments or situations.

### Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills by focusing on our times tables, number bonds and mental calculation. Children must know their number bonds to 100 and times tables (2,3, 5 and 10s) by the end of this year. In addition, we will be covering the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, multiplication, division and measurement.

### History

This term we will be looking at the Great Fire of London. From our lessons, we will end of the term by answering the BIG question: 'Did the Great Fire make London a better or worse place?'

### Computing

In the first part of Spring Term, we will be looking at spreadsheets, looking at how to represent data, pictograms, binary trees and databases. In the second half term, there will be a greater focus on questioning.

### RE

In this term will be learning about Christianity. We will explore the question: 'What is the place of the church in Christianity?' Pupils will be given the opportunity to relate their learning to aspects of their own life.

### Art/DT

During our Art lessons, we will be looking at an artist called Henri Rousseau and looking at landscape and portrait pictures. In DT, we will be looking at mechanical systems, looking at how vehicles move and then creating a vehicle that moves.

### Music

In the Spring Term, we will be exploring music that allow us to express our feelings and understanding how music allows us to understand our neighbourhood.

### REMINDER

- **Read** every day for 15 minutes at least and ensure an adult sign their reading record every day. Once the child has read they should write a sentence about what they have read using the sentence starters printed in the reading records.
- Practise their **times tables** daily, 'Hit the button' is a great game to help with rapid recall.
- Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Monday.
- **Homework** is uploaded on Class Charts on Mondays and must be returned or completed on or before the following Monday.
- Authorised Full **PE kit** should be worn on a Monday and Thursday for Owl Class and Thursday and Friday for Koala Class.
- **Meet the Teacher meeting this term will be on: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
Please come and speak to any member of the Year 2 team if you have any questions.