



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful, restful break and are ready for another exciting term of learning. It has been a joy to see the children return to school ready to dive back into their studies. This term, we will be delving into an engaging curriculum designed to stimulate your child's curiosity and build on the foundational skills they have developed so far. We have a busy and rewarding term ahead, filled with opportunities for exploration and discovery.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for learning. We truly value the partnership between home and school, and this newsletter is designed to give you key highlights of our upcoming learning journey and ways you can support your child at home for the Spring Term.

Year 2 Learning for this Term

English

Our English curriculum this term is built around two award-winning stories that explore deep themes of ambition, change, and nature.

'**The Bear and the Piano**' by David Litchfield (1st Half-Term). This is a moving tale about fame, belonging, and the ties of home. It follows a bear who finds a piano in the woods and eventually becomes a global superstar, only to realise that his most important "audience" is the family he left behind. We will focus on maintaining a consistent past or present tense and using adverbs to add detail to our sentences.

'**The Tadpole's Promise**' by Jeanne Willis (2nd Half-Term). A clever and slightly cheeky look at the inevitability of change. It explores the "promise" between a tadpole and a caterpillar to never change—a promise that nature, of course, cannot keep. It's a brilliant way to discuss the cycles of life and how we grow. We will focus on subject-verb agreement and mastering punctuation, including exclamation and question marks.

Maths

Money

We begin by counting money (pounds and pence) in steps of 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. Children will learn to make the same amount using different combinations of coins and notes. We will then move to two-step problems, such as calculating a total and then finding the change required.

Multiplication and Division

We focus on equal groups to build a foundation for the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. Children will explore doubling and halving, as well as identifying odd and even numbers. We use "sharing" and "grouping" models to understand the link between multiplication and division.

Length and Height

Children will develop their precision by measuring in centimetres and metres using rulers and metre sticks. We will also compare and order lengths, helping children understand scale and estimation.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum:

Science: Discovering the world of **Sound** and revisiting **Habitats**.

History: Stepping back in time to **The Great Fire of London**.

Geography: Asking the big question: "**Where in the world are my friends from?**"

ICT: Exploring **Moving Pictures, j2code** and **IT Around Us**.

Music: 2JT will explore **West African call and response** and pitch, while 2SB works with the **Music Service** on musicianship.

Art: Getting messy and tactile with **Clay Sculptures**.

PE/GAMES: Developing skills in **Sending and Receiving, Invasion Games, Gymnastics,** and **Fitness**.

MFL: (French) - Learning how to **name family members** and ask **simple questions**.

RE: Making **ethical decisions** & Easter - **resurrection**.

PSHE: Focusing on **Living in the Wider World**, citizenship, and health and wellbeing.

DT: Getting creative by building a **Moving Monster** using mechanisms.

Learning at Home:

Please see our new [Home Learning Guide](#). This outlines the expectations of home learning for each year group and ideas for how to achieve them.

Generic Weekly Timetable

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Morning 1 | Phonics/ Spelling Guided Reading English | Phonics/ Spelling Handwriting English | Phonics/ Spelling Guided Reading English | Phonics/ Spelling Handwriting English | Phonics/ Spelling Guided Reading English |
| Morning 2 | Maths | PE | Maths | Maths | Maths |
| Afternoon | Handwriting History Science | Maths RE | Handwriting Computing Music | MFL Art/ DT Library | Handwriting PE PSHE |

General Information:

Reading diaries and reading books in bags everyday.

Water bottles in school everyday.

Healthy snack Mon-Thurs and your choice on Fri (no kiwi or nuts please).

Thursdays - change library books.

Friday Personal Best Assembly - Bring achievements/certificates from home to celebrate.

Dates for your diary:

Please keep an eye on Dojo for additional dates throughout the year.

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

Parents Evening - Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March

End of Term (Finish at 1pm) - Friday 27th March

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