

## Year 2 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term! We are now half way through Year 2 and the children are really beginning to run with their learning and apply what they have learnt so far. It is absolutely essential that you continue to work with your children at home on reading and record this on our Go Read App to ensure they really achieve their best in Year 2. We thank you for your continued support and hard work with learning logs.

### Maths

**Geometry & Shape** – Children will identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will compare and sort common 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects.

**Fractions** – Children will recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape or set of objects. Children will write simple fractions for example,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalent fractions.

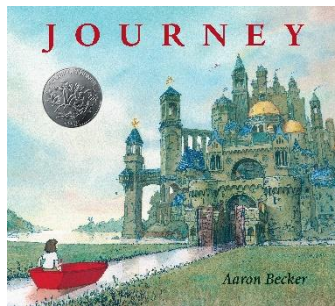
### English

In English, we will be reading the wordless book *Journey* by Aaron Becker and using this to inspire our own narrative writing. The children will use green screen technology to create their own images for description, as well as continuing to embed key narrative skills of sequencing, chronology and expanding vocabulary. After our narrative writing, we will use our stories to inspire rhyming poetry.

This half term is also World Book Day, where the children will 'Wear a word'.

### Art

In Art, children will learn how to complete portraits. They will complete portraits of their peers before completing portraits of Queen Victoria. Children will develop sketching skills and use different media to complete their portraits.



### Science

In Science, we will be exploring the topic of Plants. This will build on learning from Year 1 where the children will continue to explore the different parts of flowering plants and trees. They will take their learning further by completing a fair test experiment into ideal growing conditions.

### RE/History

In R.E, Children will be looking at symbols of faith and why people pray.

In History, children will learn about different Royals in British history, including Queen Victoria. The children will study the impact the individuals have had and how this has affected modern Britain.

### PE/PSHE

P.E will involve developing ball skills using our creative cog.

PSHE children will further develop their understanding of how to regulate their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing which is crucial during these turbulent times.

### Computing

Children will learn how computers can be used to help collect and present data for a range of purposes. They will use computers to present data in the form of pictograms and block diagrams and compare these to hand drawn data collection in previous terms maths lessons.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

Our study of influential Royals in British history will help give us insight into our past and how it has shaped the present. Also, in our R.E studies, we will consider our place in our local community in regards to religious diversity.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In DT children will be creating a dip for a party in the final week of term. They will consider the cost of the ingredients when designing their party food and use prior learning of money from Maths.

### Healthy and Happy Living

Through our work in DT when we are preparing party food, children will need to consider healthy options; this will link to our Science work on farming. In PSHE, we will also consider medicines and maintaining a healthy

### Inquisitive Investigators

Through our Science topic children will investigate how to create ideal conditions for plants to grow. They will use this to consider farming and sustainability.

### Important information for children in school:

- Our PE lessons for 2HB and 2LC will take place every Monday. Please ensure that children come to school on Mondays already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day.
- 2JS will have their PE with a sports coach every Tuesday and must come in their PE kit.
- Your child's book bag is to be returned to school every Wednesday so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home your child's next set of reading books for the week on the Friday. We will not be changing books on any other day of the week so book bags do not need to be brought into school for the rest of the week.
- Ensure your child is accessing TT Rock Stars daily, and that you are recording home reading on the Go Read app.
- Spelling and Big Maths tests will be on a Friday.
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk if this has been paid for.
- Children should bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Mr Smallman, Mr Cosford & Mr Bramhall