



Year 2 Newsletter: Spring 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a fabulous Christmas break and are feeling relaxed and ready for a brand new term. We were continually impressed by the children's hard work and excellent attitude during the Autumn term and look forward to seeing even more of this in 2024. Below is a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

Maths

Multiplication & Division – Children will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write them using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) sign. Children will apply these skills to problem solving and reasoning activities.

Money – Children will count money and use calculations to learn how to give change, find equal amounts and begin to consider budgeting.

English

In **English** we will be reading *Greta and the Giants*, a story book designed to teach children about the impact of climate change in a child-friendly way. Children will link this to their geography topic of protecting our planet. The children will use the story of *Greta and the Giants* to write their own narrative.

Children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting daily, alongside phonics and spelling lessons.

Geography

In **Geography**, we will be considering our wonderful world! Children will revisit prior learning naming the oceans and continents and move to new learning about protecting our planet.

This will link closely to our English work and our inspiration figure of Greta Thunberg,



Science

In **Science**, we will be exploring **Living Things and their Habitats**. The children will find examples of microhabitats in our local environment and work scientifically to collect data on what they find. They will consider global habitats and begin to think about animal adaptation. This learning will support their Geography and English work.

RE/PSHE

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

In **PSHE**, children will be exploring how to keep themselves safe and how to manage risk.

PE

2JG and 2MA will be working with a Rugby Sports Coach, developing passing, throwing and catching skills.

2HB will be working with Leeds Utd Foundation with a focus on team games.

Music/Computing

In **Music**, we will be focussing on the song 'I wanna play in a band'. Using our Charanga platform, children will explore beat, rhythm and pace when listening to and appraising the music.

In **Computing**, children will begin to develop their understanding of coding and algorithms. They will write simple algorithms to make a robot complete simple movements.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

During our work in Geography, children will continue to develop their world knowledge and understanding when they consider climate differences, linked to environmental factors.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

During our work in computing when the children write algorithms, they will consider the importance of coding and computing in the work place and what job opportunities this could lead to.

Healthy and Happy Living

In **PSHE**, we will be learning about how to maintain healthy, positive relationships. This will include learning on mental health and the importance of healthy relationships.

Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, we will explore different habitats and investigate what makes them suitable homes for different animals. Children will be challenged to make generalisations about what all animals need.

Important information:

- Our PE lessons will take place every **Monday for 2JG and 2MA**, and every **Tuesday for 2HB** who will work with our sports coach. Please ensure that children come to school on their PE day already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. This must include a white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in.
- Road Safety Day is Monday 22nd January, please ensure your child comes wearing suitable footwear and a warm coat on that day.
- Please bring your **child's book bag to school every day** so that we can read with children daily. Completed books will be changed and sent home on Friday. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App**
- Spelling, Big Maths tests and Times Table Rock Stars awards will be on a Friday.**
- Please ensure you access Times Tables Rock Stars and Ed Shed regularly throughout the week to support your child's learning.
- 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.