

## Year 2 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term – we cannot believe we are half way through the year already! All of your Year 2 staff have been really impressed with the childrens focus and it is really helping them make progress. Please hear your children read at home as regularly as possible as this is one of the main ways to support your child's learning throughout the curriculum. We have plenty of exciting learning opportunities throughout Spring Term and we are all looking forward to developing our skills over the next six weeks!

### English

In **English**, we will be reading *Orion and The Dark*, where the children will explore character description and write their own narratives. To complete the narrative, children will take part in a 'dark day' to publish their work... The children will write about confronting their own fears and write letters of advice on how to overcome these.

Throughout the term, children will continue to focus on daily handwriting, reading and phonics.

### Maths

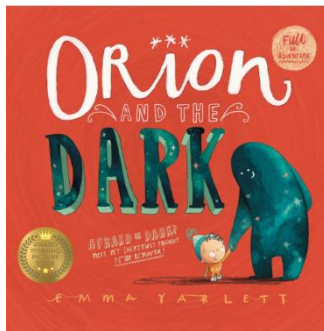
**Measurement** – throughout the half term, children will explore different measures including length, height, mass and capacity and temperature. Exploring these at home practically will help greatly in developing the childrens understanding.

Children will continue to consolidate and practise calculations for the four operations and should access TTRS regularly.

### Art

In **Art**, children will explore different styles of portraits and use this to create self-portraits by imitating the styles of both realism and surrealism.

Children will have the opportunity to use different media to create portraits, including pastels, paints and collage.



### Science 'Plants

In **Science** we will be studying the topic Plants. We will recap on what plants need to grow and consider the role plants play in our lives including growing plants for food and agriculture and plant products in the home. We will also recap on Year 1 learning to identify common trees in the local environment.

### History

We will be learning about British Monarchs.

Looking at William the Conquerors reign from 1066 onwards, how King John made himself very unpopular as monarch and why King Henry VIII married so many times. This unit also teaches who Queen Anne was, what Queen Victoria achieved during her reign and look at the role of the British monarchy today.

### PE/PSHE

P.E will be learning through games the skills of reacting, rolling and retrieving.

PSHE will explore how to be safe with medicines and where medicines come from, including work on strangers we trust and strangers we do not.

### Computing

In **Computing**, children will look at data handling and begin to make pictograms.

This will develop their digital literacy skills and link closely to Maths learning.

The children will collect their own data and then interpret this into a pictogram.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

In British Values lessons, children will learn about similarities and differences between them and others.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In Science, children will look at plants and the conditions these needs to grow.

We will hold class discussions and debates about farming and food production around the world.

### Healthy and Happy Living

In PSHE children will learn about relationships with family and friends and how they can make sure they have healthy relationships and how to negotiate conflict.

### Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, the children will carry out investigations into the perfect conditions for plants to grow and record the results. Children will then make generalisations to find what plants need.

### Important information for children in school:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and **children should come to school in their PE kits**. This must include a plain white top, plain dark shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in. Children may wear a hoody or fleece if the weather is cold, but this should be plain and unbranded.
- Please bring your **childs book bag to school every day** so that we can read with children daily. Completed books will be changed on Friday ready to be sent home for the weekend. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App**.
- **Spelling tests and Times Table Rock Stars awards will be on a Friday.**
- **Children should access TTRS and Spelling Shed as regularly as possible at home to support learning in school.**
- 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!

Miss Atherton, Mr Gabbitas and Mr Bramhall