

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 2026. Below is a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

### Maths

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

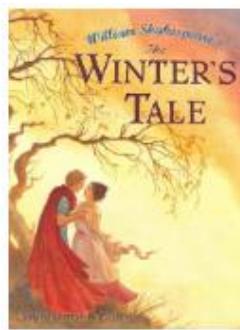
**Multiplication & Division** – Children will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write them using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) sign. Children will apply these skills to problem solving and reasoning activities.

### English

In English this half term we will be developing our drama skills by acting out *Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale*. The children will work collaboratively to try and give the story a happy ending. They will then go on to re-tell the story in their own words. We will be learning to write questions to ask the characters. Children will be learning to expand their sentences by using adverbs.

### History

In History we will be learning about local heroes by learning about the origins of Pudsey Bear and the work of children in need. They will be learning about Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield and their charity work.



### Science

In Science we will be learning about the properties of different materials and how this makes them suitable for different purposes. Children will learn to sort and categorise these materials according to their properties.

### RE/PSHE

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

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

### PE

All classes will have PE on a Tuesday with Mr Dooley. Children should come in their PE kit each Tuesday.

Children will be creating their own movements and sequences of movements.

### Music/Computing

In Music, we will be inventing a musical story.

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 **Tuesday**. 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.
- Please send books that need changing on a **Thursday**. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App**.
- Spelling and Big Maths tests take place on a Friday.**
- Please ensure you access Times Tables Rock Stars and Ed Shed regularly throughout the week to support your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Year 2 Team