



# Spring Term 2

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some family time. We hope the children are rested and ready for all of our exciting activities back in school.

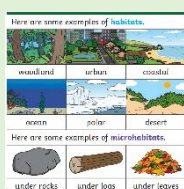


**Spelling:** The children continue looking at spelling rules and how to identify which grapheme to use in which word to ensure it is spelt correctly. We will look at adding the suffixes -ed, -er and -ing, as well as looking at how the placement of letters within a word can change the sound they make.

**English:** Continuing the theme of 'Amazing Birds'. The children will listen to and unpick fiction texts which include birds, leading to them writing their own narrative, before moving on to persuasive writing. They will learn how to write a persuasive piece to convince others to visit a bird sanctuary.

**Science:** The children learn what a habitat is and will, with the help of Forest school, explore a range of different habitats. They will look at what animals live in each habitat and understand how their needs are met by the areas they live in.

They will also explore food chains and how to identify if something is alive, dead or has never been alive.



**History:** This half term the children will be learning about castles. We will take a look into why they were built, how they helped protect people and who lived in them. The children will explore the features of a castle and then explore Skipton Castle to spot these features during our trip.

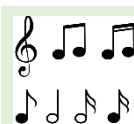
**PSHE:** The children will learn about how they and other living things have different needs and about their responsibilities of caring for them. They will look specifically at money, where it comes from, how to earn it and its worth. They will learn about saving money and spending it and about the different ways to pay for things.

### Dates for diaries:

- 23.02.26 – Return to school
- 05.03.26 – World Book Day – Non-uniform
- 05.03.26 – Parents' Evening
- 09.03.26 – Science Week
- 13.03.26 – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- 18.03.26 – Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
- 20.03.26 – Comic Relief – Non-uniform
- 27.03.26 – Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27.03.26 – School closes for Easter break.

**Maths:** The children will continue to look at multiplication and division this half term.

After becoming confident with recognising and making equal groups, the children will look at doubling and halving and sharing into equal groups before moving onto multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. The children will then begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



**Music:** Pupils will be continuing their musical development utilising the theme of 'Animals' during this half term before Easter.

Pupils will be introduced to the works of Saint Saens, 'Carnival of the Animals' whereby he composed a series of pieces to sound just like animals. Pupils will use this as inspiration to compose their own animals themes using a range of hand-held percussion. Pupils will continue to develop their singing voices through pieces such as 'Animals', 'In The Jungle' and 'Spring Chicken' from our online platform SparkYard. Pupils will continue to utilise musical notation to compose and perform.

**Art:** The children's art unit is linked to their history work this half term. They will observe the physical features of a castle before having a go at sketching them. They will create a castle scene, thinking carefully about what background best suits their picture and what media to use before going on a texture hunt around school, ending with creating a 3D sculpture.

**PE:** The children will be taking part in a range of games and activities. They will practice team work and how being part of a team can make sports more enjoyable.

- Read at home at least **four times a week**
- Practise spellings on EdShed
- Two Independent Learning Opportunities (per half term).

