



Spring Term 1

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some family time over New Year. We hope the children are well rested and ready for all our exciting activities back in school. We have a half term packed full of new and exciting learning.



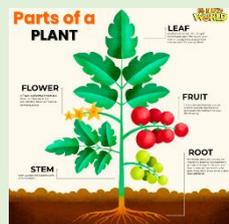
Spelling: The children will be moving onto looking at spelling rules and how to identify which grapheme to use in which word to ensure it is spelt correctly. We will look at words ending in 'el', 'al' and 'il' and start to identify where in words the 'y' can make and 'igh' sound. We will continue to look at and learn some of our Year 2 common exception words.

English:

The children will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books around the theme of 'Amazing Birds'. They will learn about subordination in sentences and write a non-chronological report and be introduced to persuasive writing.

Science:

The children explore a range of different plants, which builds on their learning from Year 1. They will look at the parts of a plant, their uses and how each part helps it grow. The children will carry out a comparative test to explore whether plants grow healthier in the light or dark.



Geography:

The children will learn to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will look at the weather patterns of the UK and compare them to other countries to help them identify the hot and cold places around the world.

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 begin to recognise how they are the same and different to others around them and about the importance of getting a job as an adult to support themselves and others.

Dates for diaries:

05.01.26 – Return to school
06.02.26 – NSPCC Number Day
12.02.26 – Valentine's disco
13.02.26 – School closes

Maths:

The children will begin to look at money and its value. They will learn how to calculate money and compare amounts before moving onto multiplication and division.

In this unit, the children will look at identifying and making equal groups, be introduced to the multiplication and division symbols and learn how to use arrays to help work out a range of new number sentences.



Music:

This half term, the children will be covering a unit called Sing Around The World: Africa. During this unit, pupils will be using tuned percussion instruments (glockenspiels) to learn the traditional piece: Che Che Koolay. Pupils will be learning the meaning of the word 'ubuntu' which means humanity, tying into our British Values. Pupils will learn the importance of Call & Response and learn how to do this through voice and instrumentation. Songs that may be utilised: Aye Mojinumba, Ubuntu, Makali Mazembe, Che Che Koolay.

DT:

The children's DT unit is based around mechanisms, looking specifically at wheels and axels. They will learn what an axel is and how it helps a vehicle move before designing and making their own safari jeep.

PE:

The children will be taking part in a range of dance activities. They will listen to the rhythm of music and learn how to move their bodies to match.

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