



## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term! We hope you have all had a fun filled Christmas holiday. Please find below a summary of Year 2's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

### **English**

The children's learning this term will be focussed around the text 'Grandads Camper'. First, we will be looking at different types of sentences, subordinations and the correct punctuation such as question and explanation marks. Then, we will be integrating these skills into our writing. We will be learning about how to write a Story based on a journey. We are very excited to learn about the adventures of Grandad.

After half term we will be looking at the text 'My Name is Not Refugee'. First, we will be exploring different tenses and how we use them in our writing correctly. Children will continue to build upon their punctuation and grammar. There will be a focus on using subordinations such as because, when and so. The focused punctuation will be apostrophise for the possessive. Children will then use all these skills to write a recount of an event.

### **Maths**

We begin the spring term focussing on money. We will then move on to explore multiplication and division. In spring 2 we will be looking at length and height before moving onto mass, capacity and temperature.

In spring 1 we will be looking at coins, notes and giving change within our money unit. During our Multiplication and division unit we will be looking at formal methods and problem solving activities. The use of TT Rockstars is encouraged to support learning prior, during and after this unit. In spring 2 we will be looking at recording and using standard measurements and this will run alongside the following topic of mass, capacity and temperature.

### **Homework**

In Year 2, children need to read for the equivalent of at least 15 minutes every school night (it might be that some nights they read more than other nights) and complete 5 reads and a book talk. They need to complete their reading record each time they read. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child read and discussing their book with them. The children (or parent) should write a comment in their book and we request that you sign your child's reading record book too. This will really help their progression in reading and writing. We will be checking your child's reading diary regularly throughout the week. Your child will have two school reading books and one reading for pleasure book. The children need to read their school reading book a total of three times before it is changed and the reading for pleasure book is a chance to share a story together at your leisure. We also ask you to spend at least 10 minutes every school night on TT Rockstars and Numbots to develop children's mathematical fluency and understanding of number.

## P.E.

Year 2 will have PE sessions every **Monday** (outdoors) and **Friday** (Indoors). However, other sessions may arise throughout the week so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

## Science

To begin with, Year 2 are going to be exploring electricity. They will be introduced to electricity and how it is used to power objects. During our lessons, the children will have an opportunity to take part in a number of investigations. Throughout the term, the children will demonstrate how they can carry out safe, fair and reliable investigations and will finish the topic looking at what their amazing body can do.

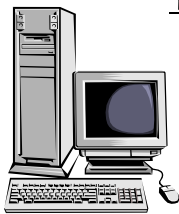
The following term we will be learning about plants. They will be introduced to bulbs and seeds. We will be carrying out experiments to explore how seeds grow in different situations. We will explore growing different plants and how we can look after them.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. For any additional information please also refer to Class Dojo.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

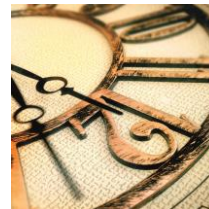
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## Year 2 Topic – Autumn Term 2022



### Computing

This term the children will be looking at work processing and Scratch Jr. They will be using different computing systems and programs to support their learning.



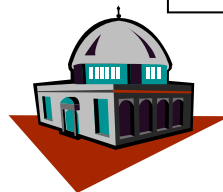
### History

The children will be learning about the lives of Tudors. We will be looking at Tudor Britain and how it is different today. We will explore Henry the VIII's life and the changes he made during his reign.



### Art

This term, the children will be looking at portraits and self-portraits. This will have a link to our History topic.



### RE

This term, the children will begin by learning with How do we know some people have a special connection to God? And then looking at 'what is a prophet?'



### Music

They will be looking at West orchestral instruments and dynamics and Timbre, tempo and motifs.



### Design Technology

The children will be exploring how to make a pencil case. We will be sewing and having a look at different stiches.



### Geography

The children's geography this term will be learning the British Isles. We will look into Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England.



### PSHE

The children's PSHE this term will be looking at safety and the changing body and citizenship.