

Year 2 Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back!
It is so lovely to welcome the children back to school after half-term

If you have any other questions, I can be contacted by:

- Class Dojo—after school up until 4.30pm
- Telephone—please call school to arrange a telephone conversation (0121 464 6921)



Mrs Bird

Please follow us on **Class Dojo** to see what we're getting up to this half term.

Lots of messages go out via Class dojo so please keep up to date with this.



Symphony Hall Trip

On Thursday 26th February Year 2 will be attending an orchestral concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall to consolidate our learning in Music.

Thank you for returning the consent forms so promptly. Please can we ask for any remaining payments for this trip to be paid via Parent Pay as soon as possible.

PE

Year 2's PE Day will be on a **Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child is in full PE kit on this day with a school cardigan or jumper to wear during the day.

Maths

Please keep encouraging children with their maths basic skills through TT Rockstars and Numbots. These apps are great for improving children's fluency and recall of times tables/number bonds. If you need a login, please message Mrs Bird via Class Dojo.

Homework and Reading Diaries

A short piece of homework will now be sent home on a Friday. This will be either English or Maths previous SAT's questions. Homework becomes due on the following Wednesday.

It is vital that children read to an adult every evening, to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. Reading diaries must be signed by an adult at least once a week.

As always thank you for your support.

Year 2 Spring Two Curriculum

English

As well as focusing on class texts, we will be having a huge drive on comprehension skills. All children will now join our daily Whole Class reading lessons. We will be working on a new short text each week with lessons on prediction and vocabulary, Inference, retrieval and explanation and summarising and sequencing. Our text this half-term is 'My Name is not Refugee' and we will be exploring the use of apostrophes for contraction, questions marks and exclamation marks to create our own diary recount.

Maths

In Maths we will be finishing off our unit on shape before focusing on money. The children will learn to recognise and count different coins and notes, make and compare amounts of money and work out simple totals and change. They will also solve practical money problems using pounds and pence.



Science

This term in Science, our unit is plants. This unit builds directly from the Year 1 plants unit. We will review what plants are and what they need to grow. We will look in more detail at seeds and bulbs, learning that germination is the process where a seed begins to grow and changes into a seedling. We will compare plants that receive light and water to those that do not.

History

In History, we will be learning about the Tudors. This unit aims to deepen our understanding of how Britain in the past was ruled. We will learn that powerful dynasties, where power was inherited and passed down through generations, mainly through the male line, ruled over Britain. We will focus on the lives of Henry VIII and his three children: Mary I, Elizabeth I and Edward VI.

Computing

Our unit for this half-term is 'Pictograms'. Our focus is understanding the importance of collecting and processing data correctly. We will do this by counting, inputting and creating our own pictograms based on the data we are given. We will then use this data to draw comparisons and present information.

Art/DT

In Art we will be looking at landscape painting and the work of Constable, Turner and Rousseau. We will paint our own seascapes in the style of Turner. We will then consider symmetry in Art and look at Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. We will also study the work of Andy Goldsworthy and how he uses natural objects to create symmetry.

Music

This half-term the children will learn about Indonesian Gamelan music exploring the instruments, melodies and sounds. The children will learn to play a multi-part piece using glockenspiels and percussion. Before finally performing and evaluating their work.

PE

Our focus in PE this half-term is on dance. We will be applying facial expressions to music showing emotions such as fear and anger. We will also explore spatial and dynamic choices.

PRE

Our PRE curriculum this half-term begins by focusing on our dreams and aspirations. We will be exploring some of the many jobs that people have around the world and thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. Then, children will be learning about what money is used for in our day-to-day life and the importance, especially when we grow up, about looking after money and spending it responsibly.

Year 2 Spellings Spring Two

We learn our spellings each day and finish with a spelling test on a Friday.

Week 1 Words where '-er', '-est' and '-ed' are added to words ending in 'e'	Week 2 Words where '-ing' is added to single syllable words	Week 3 Words where '-ed' is added to single syllable words
nicer writer baker hoped loved largest closest looser safer simpler	potting humming dropping running hopping clapping sitting flipping wrapping slipping	patted dropped hummed clapped clipped wrapped ripped drummed dragged napped
Week 4 Words where 'a' makes an /or/ sound before 'l' and 'll'	Week 5 Words where 'o' makes an /u/ sound	
all ball almost call already always fall small also bald	other mother brother nothing cover money some dozen wonder done	