



KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year Two

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a good half term break. We are very proud of the work that the children carried out last half term and have been so impressed with the support that families have been giving.

Over the next few weeks, we have some exciting activities planned. Much of the learning will stem from our key texts "Something Fishy" and "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term. A full curriculum will continue to be provided online, while schools are closed.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	We will be looking at the visual text "Something Fishy". We will be thinking of words used to describe sound, story mapping, and writing words to go with the story. We will also be looking at the past and present tenses. Our second story is "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark". We will be using our inference and comprehension skills to understand this longer text and writing our own version of a chapter with our own characters. We will begin to use commas in a list and look at homophones.
Reading	We are looking at Phase 6 spelling patterns and working on our comprehension of unfamiliar texts. Please continue to use Phonics Play to practise Phase 5 sounds.
Maths	We will be looking at fractions of shapes and numbers and beginning to work through multiplication and division. We will use our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We will be looking at making amounts in pence and pounds and using £5, £10, and £20 notes. We will continue to practise telling the time and understanding the difference between minutes and seconds. We will also be looking at recording data in graphs and charts.
Science	The unit for this half-term is entitled 'Growing Up'. The children will consider the basic needs of humans for survival, the need for warmth and shelter, and additional needs for health and wellbeing. The children will also consider the difference between Need and Want. They will also identify simple differences between living and non-living things and are introduced to the sequence of the human life cycle, first through considering how they have changed since birth.
Geography	We will be comparing and contrasting our own country with Zambia. We will be exploring the physical and human features of the area and find out about the people there. We will look at rivers, animals, and food.
Computing	We will be looking at E-safety. We will find out about digital footprints, how to search safely, and begin to understand emails and how they work.
RE	We will be finding out about Salvation and its link to Easter. We will think about the sacrifice Jesus made and how Christians believe he is the saviour. We will



	discuss the examples he set and how people try to follow them.
DT	We will be looking at existing finger puppets, learning to join two pieces of fabric by sewing, discussing and choosing appropriate tools and evaluating our work.
Music	We will be experimenting with tempo, beat, and harmony and finding out how they affect music.
PHSCE	We will be building on the science topic about keeping ourselves healthy by thinking about healthy snacks, how they are prepared, and good hygiene.
PE	We will be using online lessons to keep fit using equipment from our homes.

- Please to encourage your child to **read regularly**. We will continue with the reading book collection arrangements that were put in place at the end of last term (please email the school office if you need more information about this). Please update the reading record on Google Classroom with updates about your reading at home.
- You can also access online books for your child on the Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> . You will need to enter the following details:
Username: simkin2
Password: reading
- It is really helpful if you can take some time to ask your questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children.
- **PE with Joe Wicks** can be found on YouTube and other fun websites include **Cosmic Kids** and **Go Noodle**.
- You should have login details for **RM Easi-Maths**.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.
- The current situation is one which both adults and children may be finding challenging for a variety of reasons. Our school Wellbeing page has links to a range of resources that may help you with supporting your child's wellbeing at this time.
[St Mary's Church of England Primary School | Well-being \(stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk\)](https://www.stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Olivia Simkin and the Year 2 Team