



**KS1 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter**

**Year Two**

**Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: February 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break.

The table below gives a brief outline of the learning in different subject areas.

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Focus of Learning</b>
English	We will start by focussing on the text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children will use the story to write setting and character descriptions. Then, they will plan and write their own versions of the story. We will also be exploring the visual text 'Something Fishy'. We will continue practising our reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.
Spellings	We will be following our No Nonsense Spelling scheme. This includes looking at strategies for learning some of the common exception words and high frequency words. We will continue to learn some homophones. We will look at words ending in -ge and -dge and also words beginning with gn- and kn-.
Maths	We will be learning: multiplication and division including the 2,5 and 10 times tables; odd and even numbers and doubles; tally charts and pictograms; 2D and 3D shapes and their properties including lines of symmetry.
Science	Our Science topic this term is 'Take Care'. We will begin to learn about the different ways to keep ourselves healthy. This will include why it is important to eat a range of different types of food and the importance of exercise and hygiene, including dental hygiene.
Computing	We will learn about and create algorithms that include collision detection. We will create a program that uses a timer-after command, different object types, buttons and a timer.
Geography	In Geography, our topic this half term is the UK. We will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities. We will discuss the differences between human and physical features and identify examples of these across the UK.
PHSCE	Our topic this half term is 'Healthy Me' which links closely to our Science topic. We will also be learning about how medicines work in our bodies. In addition, we will think about things that make us feel relaxed.
Art	We will be creating a collagraph print linked to our text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.
RE	In RE, we will be exploring the creation story. The children will retell the story of creation and recognise that it is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible. We will think about what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world. Finally, we will think of examples of what Christians do to say thank you to God for the creation.
Music	We will continue to follow our music scheme Charanga. Our focus song this half term is 'Zoo Time'.

### **Home Learning**

This half term, home learning will usually consist of either a Maths or English activity in addition to a spelling list. It will still be set on Google Classroom on Friday and needs to be completed and turned in by the following Wednesday. As explained in previous correspondence, a photo can be taken of the learning and then uploaded to Google Classroom. In addition to these home learning tasks, we recommend that children also engage with RM EasiMaths on a regular basis. Please let a member of the Year 2 team know if you need any help accessing these platforms.

### **Reading**

Each week we will be sending home one/two school reading books. These books will be sent home in a plastic folder, which we will provide. We ask that these reading folders and reading books are sent into school every day. As part of our COVID 19 control measures, when books are returned we place them in a quarantine box for 72 hours before they are sent out again.

One of the most important ways in which you can support your child's learning is to ensure that they engage with 10-15 minutes reading every day. This can consist of hearing them read their school reading book or sharing books that you have at home. We will continue to use the reading record on Google Classroom to monitor children's reading. It is important that you look at the reading record on a regular basis and make a brief comment about your child's reading at least once a week. If you need any help accessing this record, please let the Year 2 team know by emailing the school office.

### **P.E.**

The Year 2 coached PE session takes place on a Friday. The class will also have PE on a Wednesday. On these days, children need to **come in to school wearing their PE kit**. This should consist of their school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms/PE shorts and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

### **Pencil Cases**

Children will need to continue to bring in a pencil case. This needs to be a plastic/metal pencil case containing a pencil, handwriting pen, small ruler, eraser, sharpener (one that holds sharpenings), colouring pencils and a small glue stick. Due to limited space within the classroom, children should only bring **one** pencil case into school and this should fit in their drawer.

### **Reminders about what children need in school**

- Named school jumper/cardigan/coat
- Named pencil case as outlined above
- Named water bottle (water fountains are still not in use)
- Folder containing reading book (provided by school)
- Children won't need a large school bag as they are no longer bringing PE kits/home learning folders to and from school. Children may use a small school bag if they need to bring anything in.
- Children can bring in school book bags if they have them.
- Small packet of tissues, and we also ask for any donations of larger tissue boxes for the classroom.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Prados and Mrs Oliver