



Care, Grow and Flourish
in God's Loving Hands

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Year 2 Half Term Curriculum Plan - Home Learning Letter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break. We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and are looking forward to developing the skills we learnt in the first half of the year.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning experiences children will be having across some of the subject areas.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	We will be looking at the visual text, "Something Fishy". We will be thinking about how to describe sound and sequence the events of the story. We will also be planning and writing our own narrative to go with the story. Later in the half term, we will look at the text, "Lila and the Secret of Rain". We will hot seat as Lila and ask her questions. We will describe settings and write our own version of the story. During our grammar focuses, we will recap the different word groups, identify different types of sentences, and look at how we can use a range of conjunctions in our writing.
Phonics Spelling	We will be looking at the suffixes –ness and –ment and recapping our knowledge of contractions. We will continue to look at alternative sounds in words, further consolidating our phonic knowledge.
Maths	We will begin the half term by looking at money. We will identify different coins and notes; we will count and create amounts of money. Next, we return to our unit on multiplication and division, further consolidating our knowledge, and finally this half term, we will move on to learning about measurement. We will begin by looking at length and height, considering how to measure in m and cm and comparing different lengths and heights. We will then look at mass, capacity and temperature. We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills with weekly arithmetic sessions.
Science	Our new module, Growing Seeds and Bulbs, is a Biology topic which focuses on observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will explore the process of germination and will have the opportunity to plant seeds and observe them growing. The children will investigate the conditions that seeds might need to germinate. They will also compare the size of different seeds and whether this affects the height of the mature plant that grows from it.

Computing	We will begin the term by looking at “making music”, using Purple Mash programs to explore different sounds and how we can combine them to make a piece of music. We will then move on to “effective searching”, thinking about how to use computers safely to find out new information.
Geography	Our topic is entitled “Hot and Cold Places”. We will build on our knowledge of continents and oceans by looking and specific places and the weather they experience. We will find out about animals that live in hot and cold places and discuss how they adapt to the climate.
PHSE	Our new PSHE topic is ‘Healthy Me’ which will focus on ways the children can keep their body and minds healthy. This will include thinking about foods which are nutritious for their body and exploring ways to help them relax. The children will also think about how medicines work and why it is important to use them safely.
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. The children will discuss the examples Jesus set and how people try to follow these. We will look at the Easter story and think about how Christians show their beliefs today. We will look at traditions and symbols of Easter.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom. It will usually consist of either a maths or English task and some spellings set via our Spelling Shed platform. Home learning will continue to be set on **Thursdays** and needs to be completed and turned in by the following **Tuesday**.

Children should be encouraged to engage with TT Rockstars to support their times tables knowledge. Please let a member of the Year 2 team know, if you need any help accessing any of these platforms.

Reading

Each week we will continue to send home school reading books. It is important that Y2 children bring their books in **every day** as we often have adults hear them read, which may not be on their changing day.

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.

PE

We will continue to have PE sessions on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. On these days, children will need to come in to school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of their school polo top or school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

Pencil Cases

Pencil cases should contain a pencil, eraser, sharpener (preferably one that collects pencil sharpenings), glue stick and some colouring pencils. We do have spares at school when needed.

If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Jennifer Harris and The Year 2 Team