

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the New Year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 2 team

Earth Class - Rosie Hall, Funke

Mars Class - Olivia Abrahams, Delroy, Moshkura and Rose

Topic

Our new topic will be Stories from other cultures. This will be the focus for our history, geography and other foundation subjects. We will be learning the names of each of the continents, oceans and learning different stories from each of these.

English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl which is a beautifully illustrated fiction book about 'little people' and monsters living within a forest. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of character and setting descriptions, danger posters, information reports and postcards. As well as this we will be creating our own adventure stories. To support children in their developing literacy skills we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on Multiplication and Division. This will include recapping and developing children's understanding of equal groups and sharing numbers. We will be practicing weekly mental maths to help prepare for our SATS at the end of the year. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables!



Science

Our first topic is Light and Dark. We will be looking at different light sources and if they are natural or manmade. We will also think about the absence of light and how our light sources change the visibility of what is around us.

Music

This year, the children will be learning songs and playing rhythm/percussion games in Music lessons and during singing assemblies.

Art/DT

In our art lessons, we will be creating pieces of Art work related to our Topic - stories from other cultures. For example, creating Aboriginal Art from Australia and Brazilian Art related to the work of the Artist Romero Britto.

PE

Our lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure PE kits are worn to school on these days. Our first PE focus this half term will be Dance.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading/Phonics
9:30-10:30 English
BREAK
10:45 - 11:45 Maths
LUNCH
12:30 - 12:45: Handwriting/spelling
12:45 - 1:45
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
BREAK
1:55 - 2:55
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

Dates for the diary:

17th January - SATs coffee morning for parents
27th January - Holocaust Memorial day
National story telling week - 29th January - 5th February
<https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>
Chinese New Year - 1st February
* End of Spring 1 Term - Topic homework due - 11th February
14th - 18th February - **Half term**
PE days: Tuesday and Thursdays