

## English

During the Spring term we will be teaching English through Talk 4 Writing. Our model text that we will be focussing on for the start of the Spring term will be, 'The Queen's Knickers'. Children will learn the text off by heart with actions, so please ask your child to share this with you. We will explore description whilst looking at this text. Children will learn to use the Power of 3, alliteration, similes and powerful verbs.

Throughout this we will continue to develop children's composition, spelling and grammar and vocabulary skills. We continue to have phonics every day. The children will also have regular Guided Reading sessions to develop their word reading and comprehension skills.



Remember to check out Spelling Shed to help you with spellings each week!

## PE

We will be focusing on games and yoga during PE in the first half of the Spring term.

PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday each week. We will be getting outside when we can so please ensure PE kits are in school for the above sessions. Trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE. Please ensure all kit and uniform is named.



## Reading Books

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school on a daily basis, thank you. It is important that your child reads as much as possible. We aim to change reading books on a Monday.



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022



Welcome back and Happy New Year!  
I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are well rested ready for the busy term ahead!

The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call in and see me at the end of the school day.

Year 2 Team: Miss Midgley, Mrs Pickles and Mrs Walker

## Computing

The children will use computing to support and enhance their learning throughout the curriculum. The focus in Computing for this term is E-safety and creativity linked to topic. In E-safety, children will learn why it is important to keep their password and personal information private and what to do if they see something online that they don't like. In creativity, we will be using programmes such as Purple Mash to link computing work to our topic.

## Maths

In maths this term, we will begin by teaching a unit on money and look at adding different coins to find a total and giving change. We will also explore multiplication and division for the 2, 5 and 10 times table. Children need to be able to recall these multiplication and division facts quickly, so any extra practise on these that can be done at home would be very beneficial. We will also learn about the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes and also begin to look at time. Throughout each lesson, children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

Remember to use our online platforms to help with maths at home. You can use Mathletics and TT Rockstars!

## Religious Education

Children will continue to learn about both Christianity and Hinduism in their RE lessons this year, which will be taught by Mrs Pickles.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.



## Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

In E-Safety we will be teaching children what we use computers for and the difference between computers and iPads. We will also use age appropriate videos that teach safety online with aspects such as why passwords and personal information should be kept private and what to do if you see something online that you don't like the look of. Children will be able to talk about why you should only go online for a short amount of time and also why you should be kind and polite online and in real life. As a school, we will celebrate Safer Internet Day on 8th February.

In HeartSmart, our topic this term is, 'Too much selfie isn't healthy'. This theme will help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons. We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.



## Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Spring term will be 'New Beginnings'. Our first Learning Challenge for the spring term is history based: *"What are the key events of the Queen's reign?"* We will start by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows (what I know/what I want to learn/what I have learnt). We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the topic and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the topic.

During this Learning Challenge we will be exploring who Queen Elizabeth II is and why she is so important. Children will learn about her life, her family and will look particularly at the significant events in her life such as the Coronation. The children will also look at life in the 1950's and compare that with life today.

If you have anything related to our topic that you would like to share, we would love to see it! We will take great care of anything brought in. If a family member would like to talk to the children about our topic and life in the 1950's we would love to hear about your experiences.



## Art/DT

Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our learning challenges this term. We will be developing our art skills in painting which will also include printing. In DT we will be focusing on Food- garden to table. We are hoping to find some budding chefs in Year 2! These sessions will be taught by Mrs Pickles.

## Homework

Children will receive weekly spellings to learn every Thursday and they will be tested the following Thursday. The spelling tests will be led by Mrs Pickles. Children can practise these online using Spelling Shed each week and are words that children must be able to spell by the end of Year 2. Children will also bring home reading books and journals. I kindly ask that you listen to your child read as often as you can and record this in the reading journal. Please use the online learning platforms; TTRockstars, Bug Club, Spelling Shed, Mathletics and Purple Mash as and when you wish for additional learning at home.

## Story Time

We always read a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. We are currently just about to start a new class novel! Please ask your child to tell you what we are reading and what is happening in the books! We enjoy reading our class read in different areas of the school. Sometimes we read in the library and in the warmer weather we will enjoy reading outside in the canopy area.

