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### What we have been up to:

Year 2 enjoyed Science Week and focused on the topic of space. The children made mini books and heard all about the first British women in space. For our House Competition we had to see which house could free a

Lego figure from a block of ice. All the children had great fun and worked well in their teams.



We were also very lucky to have a visit from the author Pippa Goodhart who wrote the series of *You Choose* books.



### Curriculum:

#### English

In English this half term, we will be using the story of George and the Dragon as a base to write a character description for our own dragon character using a variety of exciting adjectives, verbs and similes. We will then be looking at the features of a diary to then link in with our history topic to write a diary entry in the role of a World War 1 soldier.

#### How can I help at home?

Please make sure you are reading with your child at home as often as possible. As well as your child reading to you, or you reading to your child, ask them questions about the story. What do words mean? Do they know other words which have similar meaning? How do characters feel? What might happen next?/

#### Maths

We will start by covering the topic of 'Time'. In Year 2 we cover o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Year 2 then touch on 5 minute intervals. Year 2 only work with analogue clocks. We will then move on to to racap the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

#### How can I help at home?

Please support your child reading an analogue clock to 5 minute intervals. Start with o'clock and half past, move on to quarter to and quarter past and, if they are ready, finish with 5 minute intervals. All children have logins for Numbots and Year 2 also highly recommend White Rose Maths 1 Minute Maths which is a free app and is free to play.

#### Phonics

This term we will continue to follow the Sounds Write scheme looking at the extended code as well as looking at spelling patterns in words.

#### How can I help at home?

If your child is stuck on a word encourage them to sound it out and use the skills taught in class. Using the spelling pattern from your child spellings each week, can your child identify any other words with the same spelling pattern. For example wr, gn, wh, kn, ough.



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## Curriculum:

### Science

In science Year 2 will be looking at plants and the conditions that they need to survive. We will look at the different parts of plants and flowers and they will be drawing and labelling each part. They will also take part in some experiments to see what happens when a plant is put in different conditions.

#### ***How can I help at home?***

*Plants some seeds or visit a garden centre.  
Discuss the variety of plants.*

### PSHE

Our fifth topic this year is based on relationships. The topic starts with families and moves onto friendships. Within friendships it looks at resolving problems, including others in a group and finally showing respect to others.

### History

Our history topic for this term is World War 1 and remembrance. Year 2 will look at key figures in World War 1 as well as the animals that played a part in winning the wall. The topic will finish by looking at remembrance.

#### ***How can I help at home?***

To support with remembrance, visit Bedford War Memorial on the Embankment.

## Curriculum:

### Performing Arts

This half term Year 2 will be moving round their Performing Arts rotation again. Hedgehogs will have music with Mr Serino developing their recorder skills and introducing other instruments. Badgers class have dance with Mr Skeel and will be learning how to replicate taught dance movement through a variety of different music. Foxes will have Music with Miss Green where they will be doing some more singing, learning the differences between genres and being able to identify elements

### Art

In Art this half term, we are learning about the artist Monet and landscapes. We will be sketching outlines, exploring colour and using different techniques to create our pictures.

#### ***How can I help at home?***

Visit the Embankment and look at all the reflections in the water and the colours of the trees and the blossom.

### Computing

In Year 2 the children will be introduced to simple date handling using a laptop to record their findings

### RE

Special Places– We will be finding out about what you would expect to find in different religious buildings.

### PE

In PE, pupils will be developing their physical literacy through Target Games and Athletics throughout Summer 1. Children will continue to build on their fundamental movement skills, by participating in a range of different activities. Please encourage your child to be physical active daily, for at least 60 minutes.

## Reminders / Key Dates:

### Summer term

#### Training day

17<sup>th</sup> April

#### May Bank Holiday

1<sup>st</sup> May

#### Coronation Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> May

#### Class photos

9<sup>th</sup> May

#### Half term

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June