

English

In English we will be reading our Power of Reading text 'The Emperor's Egg'. Our written work will focus upon developing descriptive vocabulary, writing for different purposes including poetry, narratives and non fiction. We will continue to develop our editing skills. We will continue to develop our knowledge of Year 2 grammar and punctuation. The Year 1 common exception words will again be revisited, according to each child's needs and Year 2 words will continue to be learned, these words are in homework books if you wish to practise spellings with your child at home. During all lessons, we will continue to focus on a high standard of presentation, including joined handwriting.

Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Encourage them to read/share books 5 times per week. This can be recorded on one page per week of the Reading Record. Reads will be counted every Friday. Reading should be a delightful experience and we encourage you to revisit and reread favourite books and stories.

Happy readers become confident readers.

Our PE Days

Our PE afternoon will be **Monday**. Please ensure that children have a full outdoor and indoor PE kit in school all week. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed as outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website.

Curriculum - History

This half term in Year 2, our *Geography* focus enquiry question will be,

'Where are the Wonders of the World?'

We shall investigate and compare human and physical features in the UK and around the world.
Name the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
Name, locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

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Learning Outcome

At the end of this half term, the children will present their knowledge in their own documentary.

Homework

Each week the children will be given a portion of their knowledge organiser to learn. A quiz will take place on Friday afternoon each week. As usual any work can be included in homework books. Remember that any pupil led ideas and work will be welcomed and celebrated. Look out for Spelling Shed and Maths Shed passwords and information which will follow shortly.

Maths

In **Year 2** this term we will continue to work on addition and subtraction and consolidate our understanding of place value as well as further developing our problem solving skills. Fluent recall of number bonds to 5 and 10, recall of doubles and halves will continue to be a focus. Please continue to support your child to practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables and begin to count in steps of 3. The ability to recall these facts more confidently would be hugely beneficial for your child in their Maths lessons.

Science

This half term Year 2 will continue to learn about 'Everyday Uses of Materials'. We will observe properties and investigate materials and their suitability to make different products. We will also learn about Charles Macintosh and John McAdam and their inventions.

Wider Curriculum

Christmas Performance - Penguin Pete.

RE - Christianity, Why did God give Jesus to the world?

ICT - Animation and drawing.

DT - Mechanisms - Sliders and levers.

PHSE - Celebrating difference.

Music - Ho,ho,ho, - Christmas big band, Motown, Elvis, Freedom songs.

PE - Dance - Interpretive dance. Athletics - Indoor.