

### English

Our Power of Reading book this half term is 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins. We will use this high-quality text as our inspiration for writing and we will be completing a setting description based on Antarctica, as well as creating a leaflet all about Emperor penguins.

We will continue to focus on spelling using the Year 2 Scode spelling scheme. This will reinforce previous phonics learning, in conjunction with teaching Y2 spelling rules and etymology.

### Home Reading

Please continue to share both the love of reading books and library books with your child. Encourage them to read their colour-banded book at least 5 times per week.

Reads will be counted every Thursday and certificates awarded in assembly each Friday. Reading should be a delightful experience and we encourage you to revisit and reread favourite books and stories.

### Our PE Days

Bramble Class will usually have PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school each Monday. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed, as outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website.

### Curriculum – Geography

This half term in Year 2, as geographers, we will locate and learn about the features of landmarks in the UK: the Humber Bridge in Hull, the Shard in London, Loch Ness and Edinburgh Castle in Scotland, Mount Snowdon in Wales and the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. We will use this learning to answer the question, 'What and where are the 'wonders' of the UK?'



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### Handwriting

Please continue to support your child to practise their handwriting and spellings. Bramble Class should be forming their letters with lead-ins and joins, as well as ensuring that letters are the appropriate size.

### Homework

Each week the children will be given a geography, science or maths activity based on the knowledge organiser. Remember that any pupil led ideas and work will be welcomed and celebrated! If possible, please return homework books and reading records on Wednesday and they will be given out on Fridays.

### Maths

This half-term we will learn about working with money by counting with pounds and pence, calculating amounts, comparing amounts and finding change. We will also be starting our multiplication unit of learning. As always at the beginning of our lessons we will be using our Quick Maths sheets to develop our arithmetic skills and DNAs to recall and retain past learning.

### Science

This half term, Year 2 will investigate animals including humans, deepening their knowledge of this unit from last year. We will also investigate human life cycles. We will continue to observe the seasonal changes happening around us.

### Wider Curriculum

ICT – Computer Science – creating algorithms

PSHE – Dreams and Goals

Music – 'I Wanna Play in a Band!'

PE – Interpretative dance and dodgeball.