

### English

Our Power of Reading text this half term is The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. In class we will be focussing on 2 different writing genres: instruction writing and diary writing.

We will be writing instructions for how to grow a plant and our diary writing will be a narrative recount, written from the perspective of the old man in The Tin Forest.

We will continue to focus on our spelling through the Scode scheme as well as reinforcing our handwriting formation each day through practising the Year 2 common exception words.

### Home Reading

Please continue to share both the love of reading books and reading squad eBooks with your child. Encourage them to read/share books at least 5 times per week. Reads will be counted every Monday. 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

Bramble Class will usually have PE on a Thursday afternoon.

Please ensure that children have a full 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 - Art

This half term in Year 2, as artists, we will be focusing on the question 'How do Artists Show Still Life?'

We explore this question by learning about different artists with a specific focus on sculptors, such as Barbara Hepworth, Antony Gormley and Henry Spencer Moore.

Year 2 will be exposed to different techniques surrounding sculpture to create their own final piece.

We will also be having a week's focus on RE and DT.

### Maths

In Spring 2, Year 2 will be finishing off our topic of money, then moving on to multiplication and division, followed by measures i.e. length and height. We will be having a big focus on reasoning and problem solving within these topics to underpin the skills we are learning.

As always at the beginning of our lessons we will be using our Quick Maths sheets to develop our arithmetic skills and DNA's to recall and retain past learning.

### Science

This half term, Year 2 will investigate plants. We will identify the parts of a plant and learn about the requirements for plant growth.

We will also continue to observe the seasonal changes happening around us.

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### Spelling and Handwriting

Please continue to support your child to practise their spellings and handwriting. Bramble Class should be using lead-ins and joins where appropriate. Please continue to use Letter Join at home to help with this.

### Homework

Each week the children will be given an art or science task, based on the knowledge organiser. Your child will receive weekly spelling practise based on the Scode sessions or the Year 2 common exception words.

Any pupil led ideas and work will be welcomed and celebrated!

### Wider Curriculum

ICT - Word processing skills

PSHE - Healthy Me

Music - Zootime.'

PE - Gymnastics (flight) and Sending and Receiving