



**Year 2 Parent Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2 - 2024-2025**  
**Kenya**

We have an exciting half term coming up with a topic that the children really enjoy. Just to make you all aware, this half term I have been summonsed for jury duty and so on week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March I may be out of school for the fortnight. Mrs Cassidy will be teaching in my place during this time. Thank you, Mrs Nicklin.

**English:**

Pupils will complete units of work on:

- Lila and the Secret of Rain - Taught by Mrs Nicklin
- Persuasive texts (adverts) - Taught by Mrs Cassidy
- Riddles - Taught by Mrs Cassidy

**Maths:**

Across the term, pupils will focus on: Division, Length and Height and Mass, Capacity and Temperature.

**Geography: taught by Mrs Nicklin**

**Is life the same as ours if you live in Kenya?**

Children will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country (Kenya). In their Geography lessons, pupils will establish and compare differences and similarities between the UK and Kenya, focusing specifically on the Nairobi region.

**RE: taught by Mrs Garrett**

Pupils will revisit scripture from the previous year to consolidate learning about the events of Holy Week. They will make links between the forgiveness Jesus shows at his Crucifixion and the ministry of Jesus studied in the previous branch. They will also explore how Lent is a time of reconciliation and forgiveness for Christians because they want to restore their relationship with God to be ready to celebrate the Resurrection.

**Science: taught by Mrs Nicklin**

In their Science week unit of work children will focus on Animal Adaptations. Pupils will be get more familiar with insects, learning about their characteristics

and their habitats. They will find out about how they have adapted to their environments and how some of these adaptations help them to survive.

**PE: taught by Mrs Nicklin**

In their PE lessons pupils will develop their skills in Athletics and learn further knowledge in how they can develop their running, jumping and throwing.

**PSHE: taught by Mrs Nicklin**

In their PSHE lessons pupils will learn more surrounding Relationships including Bullying and Body Language and Computer Safety including Image sharing.

**Computing: taught by Mrs Garrett**

Pupils will explore how we can use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

**Design Technology: taught by Mrs Cassidy**

In their Design and Technology lessons, pupils will learn about structures and wheels and axels. The children will be building a rotating fairground wheel with a free-standing structure. They will be using simplified wheel designs made from repurposed materials and the children will design and conduct a survey to gather opinions.

**Book Club: taught by Mrs Cassidy**

This half term we will continue to read and learn about the authors from the Brilliant Book Awards run by Lancashire Schools Library service. All Year 2 across Lancashire get to read and vote for their favourite books (from a short list of 4) 'Heavy Metal Badger' by Duncan Beedie, Bertha & Blink- Rumble in the Jungle by Nicola Colton, Watts & Whiskerton - Buried Bones and troublesome treasure by Meg McLaren and Gigantic by Rob Biddulph. The voting takes place in March!  
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**Music: taught by Mrs Cassidy**

This half term in music lessons, the children will use instruments to represent animals, copy rhythms and create call and response rhythms. They will use dynamics when creating sound, play in time with a group and experiment with different sounds on the same instrument.