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16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

Reading

Over the course of this term in reading the children will be covering the following objectives:

- I can understand how authors develop characters and feelings
- I can read or listen to a story and show I understand
- I can identify key features of instructions
- I can find the answer to questions and ask them
- I can read or listen to poems talking about why I like them

This will be done through English lessons and guided reading sessions at school. You can help at home by helping your child to read and explore their weekly Monster Phonics book, asking questions and discussing the story/information, as well as reading a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction books to and with them.

Writing

In writing throughout all subjects, it is expected that the children will always use a pencil to write with, use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script.

In our writing lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

- I can write extended sentences using subordinating clauses
- I can develop characters in my writing
- I can write extended sentences using the past tense in the progressive form
- I can write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional)
- I can write lists using commas
- I can write instructions
- I can write questions and use question marks
- I can make simple notes
- I can use some expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
- I can write a poem or a poetic description

You can help at home by encouraging your child to do cursive writing at home to help support your child's handwriting.



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Mathematics

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following areas:

- Addition and subtraction within 100
- Money – notes and coins
- Multiplication and division
- Length and height
- Mass, capacity and temperature

You can help at home by practising quick recall of addition and subtraction facts and counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. Play practical games involving time, money, measures and shape. Practise on TT Rock Stars and Number Bot websites.

Science

In the first half of term, we will be exploring the uses of materials. We will be investigating, observing and comparing materials to see which are best suited for a particular purpose based on their properties. In the second half of term, we will be learning about animal life cycles. We will be exploring growth in humans, the basic needs for survival in both humans and animals, and the importance of exercise, good personal hygiene and a balanced diet.

Computing

We will be looking at questioning and how to search a database in order to help find the answer to more complicated questions. The children will gain better understanding of how to effectively search for information on the internet.

History

Our topic is significant individuals. We will be exploring and comparing the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Geography

Our topic is map skills. We will be using simple compass directions and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map. We will also be using aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features and to devise a simple map of our own.

Design Technology

Our design technology topic is based on healthy eating. The children will be exploring and evaluating a variety of healthy foods and snacks. They will then be using this knowledge to help them design and create healthy savoury muffins.

Art

Our art topic is linked to patterns and collage. We will be creating a variety of collages and tartan weaving patterns linked to our writing topic on Katie Morag. We will be exploring the work of artist Megan Coyle who paints with paper.



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Music

In the first half of term, the children will be learning folk songs inspired by different locations in the British Isles and creating sounds to represent three of its contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city. In the second half of term, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of dynamics using instruments; learning to compose and play rhythms to represent planets.

Physical Education

In the first half of term, the children will be developing the fundamental skills of running, jumping, throwing and co-ordination. They will be also working on their dance skills by thinking about their movement across the floor. In the second half of term, we will be exploring invasion games focusing on football and seated volleyball.

PSHE

The children will be looking at the topic of dreams and goals. They will be choosing a goal that they would like to achieve and will be considering the steps they might need to take in order to reach it. They will also be exploring how to work in a group and they will be aiming to improve their collaborative skills.

RE

The children will be exploring the importance of prayer and they will be considering the Easter story and the importance of the resurrection for Christians.

Please support your child with their home learning (see Home Learning Policy on our website). Learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with home learning please do let us know.

We will always keep in touch with Class News every week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Blanshard and Mrs Doran

Year 2 Teachers