



## This week in Year 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026



### English:

This week, the children will be studying the poem *The Magic of the Brain*. They will be collecting descriptive words and phrases from the poem and explaining why they are effective, using simple reasoning. We will then be writing our own poems inspired by this text, using our own experiences, senses, and descriptive noun phrases.

### Phonics:

This week we will be reviewing the 'al' (as in 'walk' or 'tall') grapheme (here the **a** in **al** makes an **or** sound), to include adding the suffixes -ing, -ed, -er and -est (e.g. walking / walked / taller / tallest). We will also be exploring the Year 2 common exception words: after, sure, again and sugar and the high frequency words: head, door, which, friends, would and different.

### Reading:

A reminder that we will not issue your child with their new Monster Phonics book until the previous week's has been returned. Please therefore ensure that your child brings their reading record **AND** Monster Phonics book with them to school on a Monday so that it can be swapped for their new book. The children can change their 'colour banded' and library books whenever they are ready.

Phonics  
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wh y au

### Maths:

This week the children develop their understanding of volume and capacity. They will begin by practically exploring the idea that capacity is the maximum amount that a container can hold.

Children then explore the concept of volume being the amount of something inside a container, describing it using phrases such as "empty", "nearly empty", "nearly full" and "full".

Children will then be ordering and comparing more than two containers. The children will be solving problems involving the capacities and volumes of different-sized containers.



### Action Points:

- ★ At home this week, the children can follow a simple recipe to practise using their knowledge of mass and weight. Reading scales is a skill that is best learned in a practical, hands on way.
- ★ Thank you to those who have sent their child in with a small transparent pencil case. This is helping them keep their equipment together.
- ★ PE will remain on a Thursday and Friday this half term.

**Thank you, The Year 2 Team**

