



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2 Term



Welcome back to Year 2!

We hope you have had a lovely break and are as excited as we are to start the new half-term.

SCIENCE:

This half-term we will be looking at two knowledge categories in Science –Earth and Space and Forces.

In Earth and Space, we will continue to investigate how we can use the sun to tell the time and looking at the different seasons.

In Forces, children will have opportunities to explore and investigate how push and pull forces and surfaces can affect the speed of an object.



HISTORY

In History we will be travelling back to 1969 when the first moon landing took place. This half-term, children will have the opportunity to investigate why the Soviet Union and the USA were having a 'Space Race'. We will learn key dates and the achievements of space missions.



Geography

For our Geography topic this term, we will be using our prior knowledge of continents to learn about the oceans of the world. This half-term we will explore and use maps and atlases to locate and name the Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Southern Oceans. We will focus on the Pacific, Indian and Southern Oceans and learn key facts about the oceans.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This term in Year 2 we are going to become chefs and create our own recipe using our key ingredient cous cous!

This half-term we continue to explore the ingredient cous cous and how people use it in recipes. We will plan, design, budget and creating our own cous cous recipe.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter near the end of half-term to see some delicious, cost-effective cous cous recipes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE we look at a range of religions and this half-term we are going to be looking at Christianity. We will be answering the following question:

'How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion?'

PSHE

In PSHE we will look at the Jigsaw piece 'Healthy Me'.

We will learn about how we can be safe and healthy by learning how to look after our mental health and physical health. We will learn about the use of medicines and how to be safe around different medicines.



ART AND DESIGN



This half-term in Art, we will continue to use our skills of mark-making and texture to create and draw a character using expression and draw illustrations to help tell a story.

We will then begin our new unit of 'Creative Journey' where we will use maps as a stimulus for drawing.



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Times for the School Day

Please ensure your child is in the playground by 8:20am as school begins at 8:30am. Between Monday – Thursday school finishes at 3.25pm and on Friday at 12.35pm. This is a good opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day.

If your child has been allocated an Enrichment place, then they will finish at 3:10pm. We ask that children are collected promptly. After a day of learning, it is quite upsetting for a child to be collected late. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school office and they will pass a message on to the class teacher and your child.

Clothing and Packed Lunch Boxes

Last half-term we had a lot of children's jumpers and cardigans left in lost property. Unfortunately, we were not able to identify who the clothing belonged to due to the clothing not being labelled.

Please ensure all clothing and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This will make returning lost items much easier.

P.E Day

Year 2 will have their P.E every **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct P.E kit that is suitable for the weather. We also advise that they bring in a bottle of water.