

Dear families, we hope you enjoy our first Spring newsletter for Year 2. This will tell you what your child will be learning during the next half term of school. If you feel you could contribute to our topics in any way, we would love to hear from you!
From the Year 2 Team.

English

Writing

- Traditional Tales (Aboriginal Tales)
- Letter writing
- Explanation texts

Spelling, punctuation and grammar

- Apostrophes to mark singular possession and contraction
- Commas for lists
- Adjectives and adverbs
- Suffixes including ed, ing, er, est, ment

Reading

Our focus texts for this half term are:

- The BFG
- The day the crayons quit

Every class completes Mastery for Reading sessions
3 times per week

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While the world is sleeping!

Geography

- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language.
- Focus on Australia – compare Cairns to Huddersfield learning about key physical features, key human features
- Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South poles.

Computing

- 2Graph programme- interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables.
- Word processing skills, change font, colour, zoom in-out and highlight.
- E-safety – keeping safe on the internet, understanding the importance not to share their password.

Maths

- multiplication and division commutative x2, x5 x10
- Inverse operations involving multiplication and division
- Time to 15 minute intervals
- Times table rock stars (x2, x5 x10)
- Mental maths strategies for 4 rules of number.

Science

Living things and their habitats

- nocturnal animals
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for their basic needs
- explore & compare things that are living, dead, and never been alive
- habitats including microhabitats
- simple food chain

PE

If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on P.E. days **or provide tape**. Long hair must be tied back for that day or provide a bobble. Please can you provide your child with a sweat band to cover any religious jewellery.

2C PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday

2HW PE is on Tuesday and Friday

2O PE is on Tuesday and Friday

Our focus this term is:

Games: Invasion games

Gym: travelling with different levels

RE

How can we look after our planet?

Changes within living memory

Important Dates

- Library visits
- Wednesday 12th February 2HW
- Wednesday 26th February 2C
- Wednesday 11th March 2O

Please can you ensure all uniform and PE kits are named. Your child should bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.

PSHE

Wellbeing will be covered through a resilience themed week the week beginning 13th January.

Art

- Primary and secondary colours
- Different perspectives
- Aboriginal artists

Homework

Your child will have a homework book which will be sent home on Friday. Homework will be a mixture of writing, maths and topic. Homework books are due back by the following Thursday.

Spellings

The children will be split into phonics groups taught by their class teacher or Miss Newbold and Miss Swain. The children will be given spellings homework on a Friday based on the sounds and tricky words they have been learning in their phonics group. The children will have a spelling test on the following Thursday. Scores will be sent home on the following Spelling Sheet.

Reading

Reading books can be changed daily. Children will be reminded to put their reading packet in the reading box in their classroom.

Please take time to share other books with your child when you can, as this will greatly enhance your child's language skills and love of reading! We recommend 20 minutes of daily reading at home.

Maths

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum, children will learn their 2s, 5s and 10 timetables. You can access Times Tables Rockstars at Home to deepen your child's knowledge and speed at answering questions.

Time is also given in school to access this.

We have an open door policy, if you would like to discuss anything or ask any questions, we are available at the door in the morning or end of the day.