



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring A

Theme: Wonderful World



English

In writing lessons, we will use *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton as a starting point for our learning. As we read the story, we will expand our vocabulary and explore the different characters and settings within the text. We will create our own mythical characters and fantasy lands, applying the techniques and strategies seen in the book, and incorporate them into our own stories.

During whole-class reading comprehension sessions, we will be reading 'Go Girl and Captain Know it All' by Adam Bushall. Then we will answer a range of questions based on the text. In handwriting lessons, we will continue learning new letter joins and practice applying them in our independent writing. Our spelling lessons will focus on the digraphs ee/ ea/ and er.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will recognise, make, and add equal groups. We will explore multiplication sentences using arrays and make links to division using our multiplication knowledge. We will be looking at odd and even numbers alongside doubling and halving. Later on in the term we will explore money. We will use practical equipment to recognise coins and their values. We will explore the different ways that we can make the same amount. We will also explore making amounts, finding change, and solving problems. We will continue to develop our arithmetic skills once a week to help us find different strategies to solve addition and subtraction calculations.

KIRFS: (Key Instant Recall Facts) This is taught daily to help the children recall number facts quickly. This term we will be focusing on knowing multiplication and division facts for the 2 x table. We will also recognise odd and even numbers up to 100. Here are some useful websites to help you – www.ictgames.com/www.hitthebutton.com/TTRockstars

You can also [Click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands](#)

Foundation Subjects

Science – Plants

This term we'll be discovering the names of different trees, garden plants and wildflowers, and identifying the parts that make them up. We'll investigate how plants play a vital role in keeping our planet healthy by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. We'll also explore what plants need in order to grow and thrive, and carry out an experiment to test these conditions.

Design Technology (DT)- Finger puppets

In DT, we'll be creating finger puppets inspired by our English text *The Magic Faraway Tree*. We'll look closely at how puppets are designed, the materials they're made from, and the ways they are put together. Using a running stitch, we'll construct our own puppets, decorate them creatively, and then reflect on how successful our designs have been.

RSHE

We'll spend time recognising our strengths and setting ourselves new challenges. Lessons will include learning how to stay safe online and thinking about ways to cut down on screen time. We'll also focus on mental health, exploring emotions and considering how exercise can positively impact our overall well-being.

RE – How and Why Do People Pray?

This unit will help us understand why prayer matters to people in different faith communities. We'll explore how prayer and meditation can inspire awe, spark curiosity about the world, and raise big questions about life. We'll look at practices in Islam, Christianity and Sikhism, as well as considering non-religious perspectives.

Computing – Creating Media: Digital Music

We'll explore how music can influence our thoughts and feelings. By experimenting with patterns, rhythms and tunes, we'll create music using both percussion instruments and digital tools. Drawing inspiration from animal movements, we'll compose our own pieces, then share and compare the experience of making music digitally versus non-digitally.

PE- Gymnastics and fitness

This term, Year 2 will be exploring gymnastics and fitness. Children will learn new balances, rolls, and jumps while developing strength, flexibility, and coordination. They'll also take part in fun fitness circuits designed to build stamina and confidence. It's an exciting term ahead with lots of active learning!

Geography – Our Wonderful World

Our geography topic will introduce us to some of the remarkable natural and human-made features found locally, nationally and globally. We'll reflect on what makes our world so special, and compare our own area of Outlane with a rural community in South Africa.

Special Events

Reading Morning: Year 2 parents and carers are invited from Thursday 8th January to join us from 8:45am – 9:10am every fortnight to enjoy a book in school with their child. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and appreciate your support to encourage the children to develop a love for reading.

Thursday 8th January

Thursday 22nd January

Thursday 5th February

Homework

Reading

We recommend 20 minutes of daily reading at home. This could be reading the banded book sent home or completing a reading challenge (stapled in the back of your child's reading record). When your child reads with you at home, please write a comment in their reading diary or date the reading challenge.

Spelling

Spellings for the half term will be sent out, children will be tested on their spellings every Monday starting on 13.1.25. At the end of each half term, they will be tested on 20 words from across the half term. Please use Spelling Shed as a tool to motivate and support your child to learn their spellings. Usernames and passwords are attached to the front of each child's reading record.

Maths

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum, children will learn the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. There will be a weekly multiplication test in school. We would encourage you to help your child practise the Year 2 times tables using their Times Table Rockstars account. Usernames and passwords are attached to the front of each child's reading record. You may wish to also use the Hit the Button online game which can be accessed at: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Reminders

Reading packets: Reading packets need to be in school bags daily – books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please comment when you read with your child, so we know to change the book.

Spelling books: Spelling books should be returned to school before the next test after you have reviewed the previous week with your child. Spelling tests will be every Monday. You will receive an overview of the term's spellings separately.

PE Kits: Please can you ensure PE kits are named and remain in school for the half term. 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. Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. As well as the usual indoor kit we suggest black jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt, socks and trainers as some of our PE lessons will be outside.

Water bottles: Water bottles should be named and sent into school daily containing still water only.

Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support.

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Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours.

Important Dates

Thursday 12th February – PTA Disco

Thursday 12th February – Last day of Spring A

Friday 13th February – INSET Day

Monday 23rd February - School reopens for the Spring B half term.

