

Year 2 Spring Term Learning



English:

Our second novel to in Year 2 is Ice Palace by Robert Swindells . The children will meet Ivan, the protagonist in this story and his epic journey to save his brother. Along the perilous journey he has to contend with countless dangerous situations devised by the evil Starjik! The children will be focussing in on using the strategies taught to improve the reading experience and to include further detail whilst developing their narrative sense. Continuous cursive will be used more frequently and spellings will be used according to the taught spelling rules. Punctuation is another key focus, with commas to be used between adjectives and exclamations marks introduced.

Maths:

Mathematics will focus in and onto the four operations, looking into the mechanics of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Investigations into the multiplications taught in Year 2, (2's, 5's and 10's) will aid in the understanding along with a increased focus o rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. We will focus on measuring the mass of a variety of objects with a different focus on appropriate units of measurement .

Topic:

We will be studying Animals and Humans. A focus on the diets and classifying organisms depending on their diet is a chance to introduce different sorting methods, such as Venn diagrams. Alongside this identifying the key components of a healthy diet, and the foods that are needed to keep humans alive. Children will identify different habitats and how different animals are adapted to thrive in different environments.

Other information:

PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday morning each week. Children will need to arrive in the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. Please ensure that they bring their uniforms with them. Warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will now almost always take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

All Year 2 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from their collection bay in the Edgar playground. Please follow the appropriate one way system.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 2, 5 and 10 times tables are the main priority in Year 2.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 2 webpage and will have a homework sheet each week.



English

Autumn: Fiction writing based on *The Twits*. Non-fiction and fiction writing based on the Great Fire of London.

Spring: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Ice Palace* Non-fiction writing based on aviation.

Summer: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *The Iron Man*. Poetry.

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations(+ - x ÷), fractions, shapes.

Spring: Place value, four operations, measure, time, shapes, fractions, money.

Summer: Fur operations, fractions, shapes, measure, statistics.

Physical Education

Autumn: Athletics, skipping, personal best, football, basketball, netball, rugby

Spring: Dance, gymnastics, athletics

Summer: Racket sports, cricket, rounders

Science

Autumn: Plants and Trees

Spring: Animals and Humans

Summer: Everyday materials

History

Autumn: The Great Fire of London

Spring: Pirates

Summer: Local History

Geography

Autumn: Maps and their key features

Spring: The Wider World

Summer: Our local area

Computing

Autumn: Digital literacy: e-safety

Spring: Computer science: to write a program that achieves a specific goal.

Summer: Information technology: to make an animation.

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Autumn: Paper Engineering

Spring: Food Technology

Summer: Bug Hotels

Religious Education

Autumn: Practices and lifestyles—Judaism; beliefs and teachings—Christianity

Spring: How beliefs are conveyed—Judaism; Identity, diversity and belonging—Sikhism

Summer: Reflection—Islam; Understanding values

Music

Autumn: Hands, Feet and Heart

Spring: BBC 10 pieces

Summer: I wanna play in a band!

Art

Autumn: Collage

Spring: Sculpture

Summer: Textiles and Digital Media

Growth and Reflection

Autumn: Anti-bullying; Online safety

Spring: Body image; managing conflict

Summer: Kindness; Where money comes from