

# Year 2 Spring Term 1 2021



## Geography

As geographers, we will be communicating geographically by looking at the technique's geographers use; comparing the human and physical features within the countries of the United Kingdom and also looking at the diversity of these countries

## History

As historians, we will be developing our understanding of how to use artefacts to find out about the past.

We will be looking at societies, such as the Victorians, as well as learning about key events in history, such as the first flight

## English

As writers, we will be developing our non-fiction skills by learning to write non-chronological reports.

We will be building on what we have learnt about prepositions and descriptions, as well as learning about new features, such as generalisers and varying our sentence starters.

Look out for more information about an exciting virtual author/illustrator workshop too!

## Design and Technology

As design and technologists, we will be looking at wheels and axles; designing and making our own vehicles

## Computing

As computing technologists, we will be developing our typing and presentation skills

We will be using Google Slides to add images, animations, links and videos

## Science

As Scientists, we will be learning about animals.

We will be researching the basic needs of animals, for survival. We will then be focussing on the basic needs of humans.

We will be conducting a variety of investigations to investigate the importance of exercise, eating a balanced diet and hygiene

## Music

As musicians, we will be learning about playing in a rock band!

We will be appraising music, as well as practising and performing our own song



## PSHE

As citizens, we will be thinking about our goals and dreams for the future, as we move into a new year

## P.E.

In our PE lessons, we will be learning gymnastic skills and ball skills

## R.E.

In our Religious Education lessons, we will learn about Islam and the importance of prayer to Muslims



## Year Two: Spring Term 1 2021

We hope the children have enjoyed their first term in Year 2.

This term, across the school, we are starting an exciting new way of teaching history and geography. We will be alternating these subjects each week, looking at a variety of different areas that will help us to develop our skills as historians and geographers. This will support the children in committing information and knowledge to their long term memories. Therefore, we will not have a theme as we used to but instead, we will focus on the key skills the children need to develop to learn more about the past and the world they live in.

### English

This term in English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about exciting creatures! There will be a few 'wow' moments along the way for the children, including a virtual visit from an author and illustrator. This is always a fantastic experience that the children love, so please look out for more about this in the new year.

### Maths

In maths, we will begin to look at multiplication and division. We will use arrays and images to help us with this, using the language of 'groups of' and 'sharing' to help the children understand these concepts. We will then move on to statistics, looking at tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. Please continue to support your child with securing their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, as this will enable them to feel more confident with their calculations this term.

### PE Kits

Our PE days are:

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| 2 Kahlo    | – | Wednesday and Thursday |
| 2 Magritte | – | Thursday and Friday    |
| 2 Maurice  | – | Thursday and Friday    |

The children will need to come into school wearing the appropriate kit for outdoor PE lessons, as well as being outside at break and lunch times: white T-shirt, plain dark-coloured tracksuit, trainers (not plimsolls or Converse please). Please ensure that all school cardigans, jumpers and PE tops that the children remove are all still clearly labelled. Please also make sure, where possible, that your child has shoes and trainers that they are able to fasten independently (e.g. velcro fastening if your child is not yet able to tie laces). If your child would like to practise and learn how to tie their shoelaces, this is a useful clip to help: <https://rb.gy/fauj4>

### Home Learning

Please continue to use Bug Club and Reading Eggs as great online resources to help your child develop their reading skills at their level. We will also continue to send a reading book home every Monday but this needs to be returned on a Friday to quarantine over the weekend. We will send a new book home once the old one is returned. Over the weekend, please use the online reading resources to help your child continue to practise.

Spellings will continue to be linked to our phonics work and will be set every Friday on Spelling Shed. The children will need to login to practise their words. We will then do a test on those words on the following Friday. Please also continue to support your child in learning to read and spell the Year 1/2 Common Exception Words throughout the year.

We will be setting one piece of Home Learning each week on Seesaw on a Friday and this will be due in by the following Thursday. This will be linked to a piece of their learning each week in different areas of the curriculum.

If you have any questions of concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or one of the team.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team