

### Our Core Values:

Confident, resilient,  
independent, co-operative and  
kind

# Year 2 Spring

### Our Motto

Have the Courage to  
Succeed

The Year 2s are looking forward to some exciting learning during their spring term.

### Music

As musicians, we will be listening, appraising classic rock songs and musical activities, as well as giving children the opportunity to improvise, learn and compose to the song I Wanna Play In A Band. Children will learn to perform the song using the glockenspiels.

### Geography

As geographers, the children will learn about the world by using maps, atlases and globes. They will be able to name and locate the seven continents and identify the equator.

### History

As historians, the children will learn about famous explorers – Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman. Then the children will compare the similarities and differences between explorers

### PSHE:

In this unit, children will learn to recognise and name a range of emotions—including worry—and understand the physical effects these feelings can have. They will explore the difference between pleasant and unpleasant emotions and develop strategies for coping with uncomfortable feelings. Children will also learn how emotions can be communicated effectively, both with words and through non-verbal cues.

### Enrichment & special Events:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January Chill Factor trip

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

### Relentless Routines.

#### PE:

All of KS1 will have PE every Wednesday morning.

#### Homework:

Handed out on a Friday, expected back in school the following Thursday.

### English

As readers, the children will continue to enjoy a range of texts, including those linked to wider curriculum areas and other prominent children's authors such as Dick King-Smith (The Hodgeheg) and Mary Hoffman (Amazing Grace). Our whole class reading sessions will continue to develop children's fluency, retrieval, understanding and inference skills through exploring a range of texts, including traditional tales, character descriptions and information texts.

As writers, we will be reading 'The Great Explorer' and using this as inspiration to write instructions, including imperative verbs and adverbs. In addition, we will read 'Flat Stanley' and write a descriptive paragraph using a variety of expanded noun phrases.

### Mathematics

As mathematicians we will discover, making and comparing amounts of money using pounds and pence. We will begin looking at multiplication and division by making equal amounts, introducing the multiplication symbol and writing multiplication number sentences, using arrays to help us. Children will also explore length and height, in cm and metres and use this knowledge within the 4 operations. They will also look at mass, capacity and temperature, measuring in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

### Art

As artists, the children explore how different artists use tone and texture, and apply these techniques in observational drawings.

In DT the children will design a puppet using a template, join fabrics together using pins, staples or glue, combine two puppet faces into one, and decorate the puppet to match their design.

### R.E

As respectful thinkers we will be learning about the religion of Judaism. We will explore what is precious to them, important festivals including Chanukah, and stories from the Torah. We will explore sacred texts from other religions, discovering their teachings, beliefs, and the values for different communities around the world.

### Science

As scientists, the children will continue to explore animals, including humans. They will be looking at matching offspring to their parents and animal life cycles. The children will also be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. And finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

### P.E

As athletes we will develop skills in dance and net and wall games. They will focus on balance, coordination, teamwork, and creativity through movement, while practicing techniques for throwing, catching, and striking. Lessons will also build confidence and enjoyment in physical activity.

### Computing

As computing citizens, the children will learn to keep themselves safe online, save work and how to effectively search for information.

### Reading

Books changed:

2SH- Monday

2MK – Monday

1/2DS Friday

Your child's reading record and books need to be in their bag every day. Please hear your child read as often as possible, ideally every day even if only a few minutes! Have a look on our website page for prompts and questions to support your child's reading.

Watch out for a message on Marvellous Me about library days ☺