



## YEAR TWO Spring Term 1

This newsletter is to let you know what your child's class will be learning about this half term.

English In our English lessons we shall be basing our work around the book 'Traction Man' written by Mini Gray. The children will be writing pieces of description about the main character and writing letters and emails to Traction Man. We will be linking work to our science topic entitled: 'Materials'. We will be teaching punctuation, grammar and spelling and working towards the end of year expectations. Group reading sessions will take place 4 times a week to ensure children have the skills to answer a range of questions and complete various reading activities, both fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Phonic reading will also take place in Y2 for some children.



Maths In our maths work we will be focusing on multiplication and creating equal groups. We will re-look at arrays from Y1 and move onto formal multiplication calculations. The children will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will then move onto sharing, working with groups and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. The children will also need to learn their odd numbers from their even numbers. At the end of the half-term we will work on tally charts and pictograms. The children will carry out fluency work as well as reasoning and problem solving.

PE Days will be 2A: Monday and Tuesday. 2S: Tuesday and Wednesday. If your child wears earrings, these need to be removed for PE. If they are new piercings, they will need to be covered for the day of PE. Warm clothes would be good this half-term as we will still be going outside!

DT This half term we will focus on vehicles and we will be working on creating a vehicle for Traction man. The children will work with axles and wheels and learn about vehicles' chassis.

COMPUTING This half-term's work is based around questioning and effective searching. The children will focus on maths skills and link this to pictograms and creating databases. Effective searching will help the children understand the internet more clearly and how to find what they need safer and faster.

WIDER CURRICULUM During this half-term children will learn about materials. We will carry out a variety of experiments and children will learn about the properties of materials and why certain materials are chosen for certain jobs. We will look at the work of John Dunlop and experiment with twisting, squashing and bending.

RE How and why do we pray? The unit of work covers an introduction to how Christians and Muslim pray. Pupils should develop an understanding of the importance of prayer to those who belong to that religion.

Music Our music scheme is called Charanga. Our unit this half term is 'I wanna play in a band'. Children will learn and/or build on their knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music through: a. Warm-up Games (including vocal warm-ups) b. Flexible Games (optional extension work) c. Learn to Sing the Song d. Play Instruments with the Song e. Improvise with the Song (and optional extension activities) f. Compose with the Song

Water bottles-It is important for children to keep hydrated throughout the day. Please bring your child's named water bottle into school so they can have a drink. Please ensure this is just water or flavoured water. These will be sent home at the end of each week.



Uniform- Please ensure your child's clothes are named so they are not easily lost! We have lots of jumpers unnamed and unclaimed on our lunch trolley!