

Year 2 Spring term newsletter - 2025

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Here is some information about what will be happening in the Spring term.

Curriculum

The theme for this term is "Our World." We will explore the geography of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas and compare the U.K. to India.

Our key learning objectives will be

Science

- To identify and describe the suitability of everyday materials, including wood, metal, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.
- To explain how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and give examples of plants that grow from seeds and bulbs.
- To explain why plants, need water, light and heat to grow and stay healthy and what happens if the conditions are not right.

Geography

- To use maps, atlases and globes to identify the U.K. as well as its countries, continents and oceans:
- To identify the physical geography of a small area of the U.K. and a contrasting locality
- To identify human and physical features.

English

In English, we will be reading the Katie Morag stories, The Tiger Child, Where the Wild Things Are, and non-fiction texts linked to our geography and science curriculum.

Our writing targets will be:

- To use coordinating (and, but, so, or) and subordinating (because, if, when) conjunctions.
- To use punctuation consistently; CL, FS, ?, and commas in a list.
- To form all lowercase letters correctly with clear ascenders and descenders.
- To spell all common exception words correctly when writing.

Maths

- In Maths, we will be mainly focusing on measure. We will look at measuring length, mass and temperature. Children will be given worded problems to solve where they have to apply their knowledge and understanding of measurement to complete the problem.
- We will then move on to focusing on money. Children will look at the value of different coins and notes. They will look at adding coins and notes together. Then they will move on to solving worded problems.
- Within our mental maths, we will continue fluency with our 2, 5 and 10's. We will also introduce the 3 times tables to the children.

PSHRE

In PSHRE, we will be focusing on relationships. The children will learn the following:

- How to keep themselves safe – physical contact/ asking permission/ knowing when, who, and where to ask for help.
- Understanding about keeping secrets.
- Dealing with peer pressure.

Key Dates:

India Day- W/C: 5th February 2025

Visit to the Sith Gurdwara- During February 2025 (As part of the RE curriculum)- date to be confirmed

Reading Books -

All children have a set day for them to read their books in school and have their homework checked. Please ensure you are reading your child's home reader book with them. Reading diaries need to be kept up to date with comments about your child's reading. Thank you for your continued support with this.

P.E. lessons and Outdoor Learning

P.E. lessons will continue to be every Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is sent to school in their P.E. kit on this day. Please remember your child will need to wear the correct kit; a green t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/joggers, socks and black school pumps. During the Spring 1 term, children will have forest school on a Wednesday, please supply your child with a pair of wellies to keep at school to ensure they can take part in these activities.

Uniform,

Please ensure that children come to school in the correct uniform, including shoes. We would like to ask you to make sure that ALL uniform and accessories are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix-ups or children losing their belongings.

Punctuality

We have seen a real positive change to the new procedures put in place for the start and end of the day. Here's a quick overview of our procedures:

Morning Arrival

- The KS2 playground gate opens at 8:40 am to allow parents and children onto the site.
- At 8:45 am, we open the barriers, and children can enter school. They have until 9:00 am to get to class to ensure they are marked present in the register.
- After 9:00 am, any child who arrives will need to sign in at the office and will be marked as late.
- At 9:00 am, both gates are closed as children are now considered late.

End of the Day Collection

- The main entrance opens at 3:05 pm for Reception parents/carers to collect their children at 3:10 pm.
- At 3:15 pm, we open the other gate for the collection of children in Year 1 to Year 6.
- Dismissal time for all other year groups is 3:20 pm.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your child.

Year 2 Team