

YEAR 2 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas.

In the first two weeks of every half term, I aim to read with every child, please make sure their reading record is in their book bag to enable me to do this. Thank you.

In English this half term, we will be looking at stories from around the world. We will be focusing on 'The Tortoise's gift' which is a tale from Zambia. This links in with our geography unit where we are looking closely at the country Zambia and learning about how our lives differ to those who live there.

In English, we will also be looking at writing setting descriptions, a non-chronological report and a letter. The children will continue to develop their writing skills and the key knowledge and skills we will be learning are: continuing to use the correct tense, including expanded noun phrases, how to use adverbs to describe a verb and using a variety of conjunctions to make their writing even more interesting.

We will continue to place a big focus on our daily phonics lessons to help support the children with their reading and spellings. Please continue to focus on the weekly spellings with your child as this links in to our weekly phonics and supports them significantly with their spellings. I will send home this half term's spellings and will also send home a copy of how the children did with the Y2 common exception words at the end of Autumn 2. Please continue to work on the words they are unsure of. This half term we will be starting whole class reading lessons to support your child with their reading and comprehension skills.

In maths this half term, we will start by looking at shape and the children will learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto money, followed by multiplication and division. We will be looking at dividing by 2, 5 & 10 as well as odd and even numbers.

We will continue to have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. Please continue to encourage your child to play on hit the button as this enables them to practice quick recall of number facts. I will continue to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise this concept with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to our [knowledge organisers](#).

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts

Important Days

Monday

- Reading books to be changed.
Please bring reading folder.

Tuesday

Spelling test

Thursday and Friday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

**Thursday 26th
January
Open the Book**

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January
Y2 maths meeting
via zoom @4pm**

**Friday 10th February
School Closes**

