

YEAR 2

SPRING NEWSLETTER

2025

Hello everyone! Happy New Year and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and are refreshed for an exciting term ahead!

We have been busy planning an exciting term ahead for us all!

GEOGRAPHY (INDIA) Focusing on the vast differences between the huge cities of India and where we live. Do you know where India is on the map?

HISTORY (GRACE DARLING) Exploring a significant historical figure and why she is important locally. Do you, or your family, know anything already about Grace Darling?

SCIENCE (MATERIALS) Looking at the uses of everyday materials whilst considering their suitability for purpose and effect. How many different materials can you remember from Year 1?

RE (BUDDHISM) Focusing on how Buddhists practise their faith and exploring key symbols. Can you remember three things about the story of Buddha from Year 1?

The Nothing to see Here Hotel by Steven Butler is our first novel of this term. We will read and explore the adventures of Frankie and his family ran hotel for magical creatures! We will then base our writing lessons on the events in the story.



Curriculum

MATHS- Our next topic will be LENGTH. Pupils will begin by understanding what a metre is, what centimetres are and then progress to using them in real-life contexts.

At home, you could help your child spot objects that are about 1 metre, less than 1 metre and/or more than 1 metre.



HOMEWORK:

- *Phonics books will be changed regularly.
- *Dream reads changed every Friday.
- *Spellings sent home every Monday.

We aim for children to be reading 4 times at home each week. Spelling homework is marked with 1 or 2 minutes. This is dependent on quality and accuracy of work. The minutes add up to time on the bouncy castle at the end of each half term!

DIARY DATES:

- *Maths Learning Together
21/01/25 at 2:15pm
- *Seven Stories and Buddhist
Temple trip- 04/02/2025
(full day)

Please make sure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE

Mondays

NB: We will have an external fitness coach in the second half term (Spring 2)

Just a reminder-

Phonics (Parentmail) weekly videos to support learning of the Read Write Inc sounds.

Healthy snacks can be brought into school for break time.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch before or after school.

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SPRING TERM TOPICS CONTINUED

PSHCE- **Jobs**- We will explore a range of jobs and find out what people do. **Staying safe**- We will be looking at the purpose of rules and how to identify risks.

COMPUTING- Using Purple Mash, Year 2 will be completing their learning of **Spreadsheets**. We will also be covering **Questioning** and **Effective Searching** (search engines, for example).

ART- Year 2 will be completing two units this term- sculptures and printing. We will be making our own **insect sculptures** and exploring **block printing** whilst taking inspiration from key artists.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY- Year 2 will be completing a **food** unit within DT. We will be focusing on healthy food and considering the importance of accurate instructions and how to **prepare vegetables safely**.

PE- Spring 1 = **Dance**

Spring 2 = **Fitness coach** (external coach)

MUSIC- Mrs Casewell will be coming into our lessons every Wednesday to teacher 1 hour of music. We will be learning a range of tasks, including finding the beat, learning to write musical notes and playing a range of notes on a glockenspiel.