

Year Two Newsletter

The Scoop on Spring Term



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing and festive Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead. The year 2 team would like to thank you for all your support you have given us in the autumn term. This term, children can look forward to fun engaging and challenging topics. We have attached a brief summary of the topics we will be covering over the coming weeks. We hope it will help you talk to your child about what they have been doing in school and enable you to become more involved - any support you can give at home makes a great difference.

Our Spring Learning Journey

English	Newspaper, Biography and Instruction Writing, Adventure Stories and Non-Chronological Reports
Mathematics	Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Shape, Measurement: Length, Height, Mass and Capacity, Statistics and Money
Science	Humans: Nutrition, Exercise and Hygiene and Plants: Spaces and Locations
History	Significant People 'Women in War': Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.
Geography	African Adventure
Religious Education	Rites of Passage and Christianity: Celebrations
Design Technology	Animal Puppets
Art	Observational Drawing: Flowers and Nature

Reading for Pleasure

In year 2, we are promoting '**Star readers**' and '**Reading Champions**' in our classrooms. We are encouraging children to read a variety of different texts including fiction, non-fiction, historical, poetry and chapter books. This will broaden children's vocabulary and develop children's comprehension skills. Libraries are great places to visit as they offer a wider variety of reading materials for free.

Reading records are checked on daily basis and the class that reads every day gets an animated book to encourage whole class reading. Every Friday, the winning class is announced in assembly as the '**Reading Champions**' and the awards include: - A class reading book, 10 minutes extra playtime and if the win for three consecutive weeks, they get a 40 minutes of golden time!

To promote good understanding in reading, remember to ask questions about the book when reading with your children.

Star readers



Google Classroom



All children will continue to receive weekly quizzes on Google Classroom. These include: Spelling, Grammar, Science, History or Geography and RE.

If your child has not yet logged into Google Classroom, please do so as the weekly quizzes assess your child's learning and understanding. On top of that, Class Teachers often add useful tools and information to further support the children's learning.

Trips and Workshops

Our first topic is History-**Florence Nightingale** which will culminate in a school visit from the Florence Nightingale Workshop on the 12th January 2023

Week of the 6th March

Year 2 will be visiting Iver Environment centre in Spring 2. This will support their science topic on Plants and nature. In Literacy the children will also write a recount about their experience on the school trip.



Reminders

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their homework. English and Maths Homework goes home every Thursday and is due on the following Tuesday. Spelling test is now on **Mondays** and new spellings will be given out on the same day to give them enough time to practise and learn the new words. The spellings will also include 'two golden words' that the children have learnt previously.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for all your efforts ensuring your child is in school every day. It is important for children to have great attendance for it strongly impacts their progress and learning. School gates open at 8:45am and lessons begin promptly at 9:05am. Home time is at 3:20pm and at 3:30pm children will be sent to the School Office. Please make sure your child is arriving to and being collected from school on time.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear full school uniform:

- Black or dark grey bottoms
- Navy jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- White shirt
- Blue checked dress or black pinafore
- Plain black footwear
- Hijabs must be black, grey, white or navy

On the days that your child has PE, they should wear their PE kit to school on that day:

- White polo shirt
- Navy shorts/joggers

Working for Excellent Performance – Always!