

### Curriculum Information

Year 2 Spring Term 1 2024

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
Subject English	In English this half term we are looking at 'Little People, Big Dreams' books. These books are linked to significant individuals such as Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Mary Anning, Martin Luther King and Greta Thunberg. The stories explain the life of the individual and link closely with our History Topic of 'Movers and Shakers'. We will look at different genres of writing such as newspaper reports, non-	How you can help at home  Reading Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App.  Bedtime reading advice available at <a href="https://www.theschoolrun.com">www.theschoolrun.com</a> Spelling Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference. These will be assessed every Friday.  Online Learning Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too.
	Thunberg. The stories explain the life of the individual and link closely with our History Topic of 'Movers and Shakers'. We will look at different genres	Online Learning Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week
	chronological reports and play scripts.  Reading books will be	
	changed each week.  Children will have the opportunity to change their Library book weekly on a Monday.	



Phonics	In Phonics, children will be continuing to work on Phase 6 which will involve recapping the phonemes including diagraphs and trigraphs. Children will be applying knowledge of different phonemes and	The books that your child will be issued with are books containing the phonemes that he/she is confident with. Children will have weekly Phonics/English homework. Please help your child to complete this. Provide opportunities at home for your child to write e.g. writing a recount of an event or a retell of a story.
	graphemes to reading and writing words in sentences	
	correctly. We will also focus	
	on the reading and writing	
Maths	of rainbow words.  This half term we will be	Disagrams and the properties their times tables using TTD states. This will halv property them for their
maths	recapping place value,	Please encourage your child to practise their times tables using TTRockstars. This will help prepare them for their weekly Superheroes challenge in school.
	building upon what has	Please continue to encourage your child to frequently access the Numbots app to develop efficient mental
	already been taught in the	calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. Please speak to your child about the strategies they've used in
	Autumn Term. Pupils will	class to add and subtract numbers and provide opportunities for them to practise at home. Children will use the
	also be using their	partitioning and recombining methods to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers.
	knowledge of partitioning to	Online Learning
	support the doubling of 2-	Your child can explore TTRockstars, Numbots, MyMaths and TopMarks on the links below:
	digit numbers. Children will	www.ttrockstars.com
	be building upon their	https://www.mymaths.co.uk/
	knowledge of addition and	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
	subtraction methods and	https://play.numbots.com/?#/game/game-mode
	will be applying these skills	
	to problem solving and	
	reasoning questions. Pupils	
	will recap on their	
	knowledge of using arrays	
	to complete multiplication	
	and division questions. They	
	will use this knowledge to	



	help with questions involving multiplication and division facts they do not know e.g. multiplying and dividing by 3. Finally, children will build on their knowledge of fractions, finding, naming and writing different fractions of a length, shape, set of objects and quantity, as well as recognising the equivalence of $2/4$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
Science	In Science, children will be continuing with their work from Autumn 2 on the topic 'Everyday Materials'. Pupils will be following a set of instructions to perform a range of simple tests, making simple predictions for what might happen and suggesting ways to answer their questions. They will ask and answer scientific questions about the world around them and use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Pupils will use a range of methods to gather and record simple data with some accuracy.	You could explore the link below with your child to consolidate their learning about everyday materials: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsrfvwx/year/z7s22sg



History	Our History topic for this half term is 'Mover and Shakers'. We will be focusing on significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. This will include looking at and comparing Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We will also explore the life of Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst and Martin Luther King and learn about how their actions in their lifetime have impacted on us today. We will also begin to explore ordering dates chronologically and identifying the difference	The children will complete a lesson where they will talk about and discuss significant people in our local area. This will include looking at Matthew Boulton and James Watt who are displayed on the Lunar Society Moonstones outside ASDA. It would be lovely, if you get chance, to show the children the stones either before the lesson so the children have prior knowledge or after the lesson so they can share with you what they have learned. Below is a link to videos that discuss the work completed by significant individuals from our past that you may wish to share with the children.  https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf49q6f
	between facts and opinions.  Not taught this half term.	
Geography Art &	Not taught this half term.	
Art a Design	Not laught this half term.	
Design	This half term, children will	You could take a look at different products around the home like bags, aprons or cushion covers and discuss the
Technology	engage in the DT topic 'Cut, Stitch and Join'. In this topic, they will learn about fabric home products and	ways the fabric is joined e.g. sewn, zip, buttons. Take a look at different products and discuss the designs that you like for example flowery or spotty designs.



	the significant British brand Cath Kidston.	
	Children will learn about	
	sewing patterns and using a	
	running stitch and	
	embellishments before	
	making a sewn bag tag.	
Computing	This half term, children will	You can help your child at home by talking to them about the importance of staying safe online, and not sharing
	be building upon their	private information with people who they do not know.
	knowledge of online safety,	
	focusing on 'online safely'.	
	They will explore how	
	someone may use technology	
	to communicate with others	
	they don't also know offline.	
	Pupils will also discuss who	
	they should ask before	
	sharing information online,	
	and will describe different	
	ways to ask for, give or	
	deny permission online.	
PE	In PE, children will be	Please make sure your child has full P.E kit in school for the whole half term. Please make sure all items are clearly
	focusing on Tennis. Pupils	named. Please remind your child to place all items into their PE bags not on the desk or the floor.
	will learn that there are	• Jewellery is not allowed.
	different ways to send an	• Long hair should be tied back.
	object from one place to	For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.
	another, such as patting,	
	throwing, rolling and kicking.	
	They will confidently send	
	or receive an object, such	
	as a beanbag or ball.	
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Swimming	A review of pool rules and	Please remember all children will need a named swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel please. Please
<b>.</b>	safety procedures will take	make sure all these items are clearly labelled. Please remind your child to place all items into their swimming bags
	place first week back.	not on the bench or the floor.
	Stroke technique will be	NO goggles are allowed.
	further developed, front	Swimming Day is a Thursday
	paddle, front crawl, back	
	paddle, backstroke and	
	breaststroke. Various water	
	skills will be improved such	
	as floating, submerging,	
	underwater swimming and	
	sculling. This term children	
	who can swim 2 lengths will be timed for school records	
	and 'Top Ten' year 2 list of	
	swimmers displayed on pool	
	side.	
RE	This half term, we will be	You could support your child at home by questioning them about what they know about the Islam religion. Pupils
	building upon our knowledge	could create a poster to represent everything they know about Islam.
	of Islam by engaging in Part	
	2 of the topic 'Beginning to Learn from Islam'. Children	
	will learn about the story of	
	the revelation of the Holy	
	Quran and will observe and	
	explore different ways that	
	Muslims show they belong	
	to their religion. Pupils will	
	identify objects that are	
	significant to Muslims and	
	will relate their	



	understanding of Muslim	
	culture to their own ideas.	
	Finally, children will learn	
	about Ramadan and will	
	recap on their	
	understanding of Eid from	
	Autumn 2.	
PSHE	This half term our topic is	Please discuss with your child what bullying is. Remind your child that it is constant negative behaviour not just an
	called 'Say no to Bullying'.	argument. Discuss with your child how you are a trusted adult that they can talk to. Also discuss members of staff
	The children will discuss	at school that your child can talk to if they feel they, or someone in their year group is being bullied.
	and explain what bullying is.	
	They will also discuss how	
	bullying can make someone	
	feel and try to find ways to	
	prevent bullying from	
	happening. The children will	
	identify qualities and	
	attributes about themselves	
	that make them proud. They	
	will also discuss how	
	feelings can make you feel	
	and behave slightly	
	differently and what we can	
	do to overcome these	
	feelings and behaviours.	
	Finally, the children will	
	discuss who they can talk to	
	if they think they are, or	
	someone they know, is being	
	bullied.	
Music	In music this half term we	You can help your child by listening to a range of music.
	will be studying rhythm and	They would also benefit from listening to and joining in with a range of different songs.
	melody through the music	They would also soliciti from his folling to and joining in with a range of afficient soligs.
	melody mrough the music	



	of South Africa; using tuned percussion instruments (glockenspiels) to play along with music; singing music in a South African style.	
German	This half term in German the children will look at identifying the days of the week and the months of the year. They will also explore the different seasons and vocabulary associated with this. Finally, the children will explore more traditions in Germany.	Practise using German words and phrases at home. Discuss with the children how life in Germany is different to life in England. Encourage your child to use the days of the week and the months of the year when talking at home.
Visits and Visitors	5/2/2024 - Parents Consultations 7/2/2024 - Parents Consultations 8/2/2024 - Dance Festival	
Curriculum Days	Pirate Day will take place on 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 and will be based on our topic 'Land Ahoy!' Which we will be starting in Spring 2. Children will take part in a treasure hunt around the school, using their map reading skills to locate the treasure!	You could support your child to plan and create their own treasure map/hunt at home.

