

# SPRING in Year 2!



Here's how you can support your child with their learning for our Spring Term!

Science this term is all about Animals! We will be learning about habitats and exploring how animals adapt to live there, microhabitats, life cycles and food chains. Here is a list of vocabulary for our Animals and their Habitats topic: ocean, desert, woodland, damp, micro-habitats, leaf litter, conditions, shade and shelter. Can you define these with your child? Here is a useful link to help with your child's learning.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>

In English, we are working on the text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. Our focus will be writing a narrative story. We will be looking at sentences in different forms, subordination, and past and present tense. Please do not purchase the book for your child, as some of our lessons are about predicting what will happen next in the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK2Gyto5gTQ> Here is a catchy song to help you with subordinate conjunctions.

Next half term, we will be reading a story all about Victorian toys, and how things change over time. If you still have any of your old toys in the attic, this would be a great excuse to get them down and show the children what toys were like when you were a child. Discuss with your child how they are different from the toys that we have today.

Here is a link to a video of some toys that may be a little older than you are © <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjnrnd>

We are also going to be delving into the depths of Poetry. Do you have any favourite poems that you share with your child?

As ever, it's really important to not only listen to your child read but question them about the story. What has just happened? Why do you think they did that? How do you think they feel now?

You can also click here to find a list of words that Year 2 children should be able to spell with ease: <http://www.highfrequencywords.org/>

We will continue to work on our common exception words, however homophones are also a key aspect of our learning! For explanations, examples, quizzes and activities, visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhp2p/articles/zc84cwx>

Maths will largely be focused on arithmetic this term to ensure that the children have a solid understanding. To support at home, keep up with times table practice on TT Rockstars, number bonds and times tables on Hit the Button focusing on 2s, 5s and 10s and practice of methods will help too! <https://trockstars.com>

The children will be revisiting how add and subtract two 2-digit numbers using money, as well as looking at multiplication, division and fractions. We will be doing a lot of work with equipment, asking the children to prove to us how they have solved different problems.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>

It would be great if you could practise using real money (which we don't tend to do, nowadays!) with your child. Recognising coins and notes and adding or subtracting amounts. If you have access to a smart phone or tablet, the app '1 minute maths' by White Rose Maths is great for increasing their speed of recalling number facts.

French is all about families! The children will be learning about the names of different family members and developing their conversational skills.

Access Linguscope at home to practise family vocabulary.

Username: farnworth

Password: Please ask your teacher for this ©

<https://www.linguscope.com/>

We have 2 PE sessions per week. Our PE days are on a Monday and Friday. This half term we will be learning Locomotion and Ball Skills, where we will be learning to dodge and jump, putting these skills into a Year 2 dodge ball competition! In Ball Skills, we will be learning to keep the ball close when dribbling and how passing a ball can help keep possession as a team. Next half term, we will have some fantastic dancing lessons from our resident dancer, Miss Christmas!

Our DT focus is Mechanisms focusing on wheels and axels. The children will be creating a Beanie Car using the skills that they have developed. The children will be using a range of tools and equipment (shoeboxes!) to create their cars, as well as selecting from and using a range of materials and components such as paper, card, plastic and wood, according to their characteristics.

Here is a link to a video all about mechanical toys and how they move without electricity.

PSHE will focus on the concept of Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. The children will discuss the idea of persevering towards a goal, and how they will need to take steps to achieve said goal. We will be discussing with the children the idea of keeping ourselves safe and how to remain healthy.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxvkd2p> is a link to explore with your child to learn about keeping healthy.

RE will focus on Jesus a friend to everyone and Easter symbols.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zjgkq6f> Why not have a look at where the symbol of the Easter egg came from?  
<https://biblehub.com/childrens/> This link will show you stories from the Bible, if you scroll down to the New Testament, you will be able to read stories of Jesus and his followers together. Of course if you have a bible at home, you could always use this.

Humanities has a Geography focus this term and we are learning all about Ethiopia, looking in particular at similarities and differences between there and the U.K. The children will be looking at human and physical Geography and how the lives of young people here and in Ethiopia have some similarities and a number of differences.

We will also be learning about aspects of the UK as well as revisiting continents and oceans around the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE> Here is a song to help the children remember the 7 continents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6BE4VcYngQ> This song will help with memorising the oceans.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqj3n9q/articles/zr8q7nb> - Here is a link for learning about human and physical features.

In Computing will be learning about coding. We will be learning what an algorithm is and explain the order that things need to happen carefully for it to work. We will be using Scratch Jr to create and debug simple programs. We will use Indi Cars to learn how to effectively program a robotic device.

The links below will show you some ideas about using the internet and how we keep ourselves safe online.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymyqt/articles/zym3b9q>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymyqt/articles/zqgfyrnd>

In Art we are learning about printing and sculpture. We will be learning how to create a printing block based on the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Mr Corcoran, our amazing resident artist, will be with us for another amazing day of art to support our Sculpture topic.

In our Music lessons, the children will be using glockenspiels to play along with songs and developing their improvisation skills through various games and activities.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk86qfr/articles/zqtm8hv>



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