

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

January 2024



Year Leader: Mr McCune

Badger Class: Mr McCune, Mrs Hinton, Mrs Springett, Mrs Bedford

Owl Class: Miss Braddick and Mrs Neely

Hedgehog Class: Mr Cain and Mrs Dee, Mrs Compton-Rae, Miss Potter

English – Writing

In English, we will be looking at lots of exciting books to inspire our writing.

We will build on the skills we learned in the previous term and use more adventurous language and grammar choices. We will be looking at a variety of Non-Fiction pieces of work.

We use Kinetic Letters as our handwriting scheme at Harrison. We will continue to work on the correct formation of letters and numbers throughout the year.

Joining will be taught towards the end of Year 2 in the Summer term.



Maths



In maths, we begin the term by learning and describing 2D and 3D shape. We will then move on to multiplication and division where we will learn written methods to solve a variety of problems and secure our 2,5 and 10 times tables.

In the second half term we will start by looking at Fractions of shape, objects and number.

Later this term, your child will be given login details to use Times Table Rockstars after the teaching of Multiplication in school -

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>.

Please encourage your child to log on and play the games. We will set challenges for homework tasks throughout the year.

Reading

It is important to hear your child read at least three times each week as this will increase fluency and understanding. Children should be encouraged to read a range of different texts. Oxford Owl and SORA are great resources that can be used at home and there are a wide selection of books on their sites. You can find details about using SORA here: <https://youtu.be/sYiXUP9ruG4>



Please ensure that your child has their reading record and books in school everyday as we will be using them in our class reading sessions.

This year each class will visit the school library weekly. Children are able to choose a book to take home and share but must remember to return it. Please make sure children have their library books in with them on Thursday

Home Learning

Your child will receive home learning weekly. This will include a spellings task and either an English or Maths task which should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete. At times, home learning may be set around the topic being taught at school or be a special challenge to complete.

Home Learning will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Foundation Curriculum

Science

During this term we will be learning about healthy choices and how we look after our bodies.

Computing

We will be learning to test different simple games on Scratch and start to look at how to code.

Music

During the term we will use different musical instruments to explore pitch, tempo and dynamics.

RE

We will be looking at the concept of 'remembering' With a particular focus on Judaism.

Games/P.E.

We will be developing our throwing and catching skills and explore movement through dance. All Year 2 classes have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is important that now the weather is changing children come suitably dressed for PE.

History

We will learn all about the life of Lord Admiral Nelson and why he is famous.

PSCHE

We will learn about what bullying is and who we can talk to.

DT

We will be designing a moving vehicle



Other Important Information and Dates

It is important for children to have access to water during their learning time so please could your child bring a labelled water bottle each day.

Free fruit is provided for children but your child may want to bring their own healthy snack to school to eat during break.

We will be doing lots of our learning outside so please ensure your child has a coat and suitable footwear.

- ❖ **Historic Dockyard School Trip – Friday 2nd February 2024**
- ❖ **Bedtime Stories – Thursday 25th January 2024**



Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or need support with your child's learning.