



Year 2 Spring Curriculum Letter 2025

Happy New Year and welcome back! The children have settled in well and are already working hard. Below is an overview of what will be covered this term.

Our School Value this term

INDEPENDENCE

We allow children to make their own choices and attempt tasks for themselves, relying less and less on adult help. Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and belongings. We enable all children to develop as independent learners in our nurturing setting.



CURIOSITY

We aim to nurture children's natural curiosity and ignite a love of learning in every child. We challenge children to question and investigate the world around them.

RESPECT

We enable each child to develop as a responsible member of society and show respect for themselves, others and their property. We have high expectations of behaviour and celebrate good manners and kindness in our weekly Celebration Assemblies.

Our core value this term is CURIOSITY. We want to instil a love of learning and a sense of wonder in all children. This term we will be focusing on encouraging them to explore, ask questions and to try new things. Curious children build a love of learning, far beyond the walls of the classroom.

SPRING TIMETABLE – Year 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 9:00	Independent learning, readers, interventions	Handwriting, readers, interventions	Bubble, readers, interventions	Mini Maths, readers, interventions, soft start	Independent learning, readers, interventions
9:00 - 10:30	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Sharing assembly
	English	English	English	English	Phonics
	Wellbeing Assembly	Storytime assembly	Handwriting	Singing assembly	English - Bubble
10:30 - 10:50	BREAK				
10:50 - 12:10	Maths	Guided reading	Guided reading	Guided reading	Maths
	Library	Maths	Maths	Maths	Life skills
12:10 - 13:00	LUNCH				
13:00 - 15:00	History	Handwriting	PE	Handwriting	Spelling test
	Music	Art	PESE	Art	PE
			PESE	Computing	Music

Phonics

Phonics in Year 2 focuses a lot on spelling rules , there are many songs and rhymes which the children enjoy. This term, they will continue Lesley Clarke's Phase 6 phonics programme and any spellings sent home will match their learning in class.

For more information about phase 6 phonics, click here: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/phase-6-phonics>

English

This half term we will be learning how to write:

- our own character description
- a description of a setting
- a letter from a non fictional character
- a fairy-tale with an alterative ending

Some of our key books this half term include The Tear Thief, Grandads Island and Amelia Earhart (Little people, big dreams).

To support writing, in addition to English lessons, we will have Pobble two times a week and handwriting sessions.

To support reading, we will have Guided Reading sessions, during these your child will take part in a reading based activities. We will also aim to read 1:1 with your child at least once a week.



Maths

This term our learning will be focused on:

- Money
- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Height

- Mass capacity and temperature.
- Telling the time



Life skills!

Along with our subject based curriculum, we have decided to trial a life skills curriculum in Year 2 which will allow them the opportunity to develop and support life skills such as tying shoelaces, preparing meals and washing up. We are very lucky to have the kitchen area in the cottage all to ourselves so this half term we will be working on knife skills e.g. making toast, cutting vegetables and preparing snacks. We think these lessons will also be a great way to build their independence and confidence!

All parents are invited in on **Friday 14th February at 2:15** to find out more about what the children have been learning in their life skills lessons. We hope to see you there!



Science

We will be learning about animals including humans, this will cover life cycles and healthy living. We will also be learning about the scientists Charles Macintosh and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.

It is Science Week during March so there will be a lot of fun scientific activities during this month including a Year 2 only school trip! More details to follow soon.

Music

We will be following Get Set 4 Music curriculum based music scheme. We will start using the recorders towards the end of the term which I know many children are looking forward to!

Computing

In computing we will be covering online safety. The children will also be working on their typing skills.

History and Geography

History: This term we will be learning about the history of flight. This will include learning about the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart and the first moon landing.

Geography: In Geography we will be learning about China. If you know of anyone who could come and share their experience of China (visiting or living there) then please let us know!

Art

This term we will be looking at Expressive painting, a very messy art unit! The children will be introduced to the idea that they can use paint in an intuitive and exploratory way. We will look at artist like Charlie French and Vincent Van Gogh. We will explore colour mixing, mark making and texture (of paint) through abstract work.

PE

Please make sure your child has their Mile a Day shoes in school every day. Every item of clothing in the PE kit must be named. Your child has PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

On Wednesdays, the children will be learning yoga with Mrs Waugh.

On Friday, they will learn the skills to play invasion games e.g. basketball, football

PSHE (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

As well as being woven throughout the curriculum and enhanced during regular 'well-being' assemblies, the children will participate in a weekly PSHE lesson. They will follow the 'KAPOW' scheme of work. This term will cover:

- Health and wellbeing - how to look after your body and growth mindset
- Citizenship - roles and responsibilities we have at school, learning about job roles in the local community and respecting differences

RE

RE topic this term are:

- Special connections - stories about people who have a special connection with their God
- What a prophet is - learning about prophets in different religions

Homework

For homework Year 2 children will have:

Reading:

Year 2 will have their books swapped on Mondays and Thursdays. The books are getting longer now so please do not worry if your child does not finish them by book swap day. As they become more independent this year, they will be choosing the books they would like to read and filling this into their reading record.

It is extremely important that your child reads every day. When your child is more fluent and on purple book band and above, you can also ask them to read a section quietly in their head and discuss it afterwards to check their understanding. You can support your child further by reading to your child, sharing books and talking about the story. In Year 2 it is important that your child starts reading for a longer period of time so they build stamina for reading longer texts. **PLEASE** remember to update the reading diary as we do check these each day and **your child can fill in their own reading diary.**

Maths:

For Maths homework the children will continue with their White Rose maths books. Please only complete the pages asked to by the teacher.

English

Spellings - these will go out every Friday as last term. The spellings will be linked to their learning in class and any spelling rules they may be working on.

We appreciate any feedback on how you are finding homework. Please drop me a Dojo if you would like to feedback comments.

Reminders

Library Day - Monday. Children are reminded to swap their books when they come in Monday morning . I do not check if library books are in their bags, they do this independently.

Morning challenges: To consolidate their work the children will be challenged with morning work starting when they arrive in school before the first lesson. Please ensure your child is in school on time as they really make a difference. Morning challenges run Monday-Thursday.

We look forward to another fantastic term! Please do not hesitate at any time to contact us with any questions, queries or concerns on Dojo or through the office.

Miss Douglas and Mrs Emmett