

# Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 2



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Dear Families,  
Welcome back to school; we hope you all had a lovely break.

This half term in **English**, our class text is ***The Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith**. The story follows Issac and the jar of water he empties into a pool, from where it takes the reader on a journey following those drops of water through rivers and into seas, across oceans to frozen landscapes and then to jungles and towns, down into the deepest parts of the ocean. This is a breathtaking non-fiction picture book about the water cycle that reminds us about our environment and how precious it is.



In **writing**, we will be looking at stories from different cultures. We will continue to embed expanded noun phrases and adverbs, creating a clear and simple story plot and learning to write in the third-person and past tense. We will also be writing a recount from personal experience, where we will be writing from a first-person perspective using time conjunctions.



In **Maths**, we will be continuing our multiplication and division unit. Please continue to practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home to support your child's learning. We will then move on to our measurement unit, focusing on length and height. Children will learn to estimate and accurately measure in centimetres and metres.

In **Science**, the children will be learning about plants. Throughout this unit, they will explore the different types of plants on a local scale and conduct a test investigating the conditions needed for healthy plants to grow and survive. The children will grow watercress which they can bring home for you to enjoy!



In **Art**, the children will be introduced to landscape and symmetry paintings. This unit will involve comparing a range of artists work to allow the children to study the different ways artists work. The children will create and evaluate their seascapes using various techniques and equipment.

The Year 2 team

## Important Dates

**Thurs 2nd March** - River and Guildhall Trip

**Thursday 2nd March** - Book Swap

**2nd March to 13th March** - Sponsored read

**Friday 10th March** - PJ day

## Home Learning

**Spellings** - weekly, it is better to practise all week to embed in the long term memory.



**Reading** - please note in your child's reading record. Include any book that you are reading with your child.



**Maths** - Practise your times tables on TTRockstars

Hand in homework on **Wednesdays**.

## Home Reading Challenge



Children who have 25+ reads noted in their reading records over the half-term will receive a book mark reward. The child with the highest number of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.

## PE

This half term we will be focusing on Dance and Ball Skills, including a variety of physical activities.

**Mrs Ewens & Ms Ellis class will have P.E. on a Wednesday and Friday**

**Miss McDougall will have P.E. on a Monday and Friday**

PE will often be outside so please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit: jogging bottoms / top, white t-shirt and trainers.



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