

Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 1



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Dear Families,
We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the new term.



This half term in English, our class texts are: **Coming to England** by Floella Benjamin. This is the true story of how 11-year-old Floella Benjamin arrived in England in 1960 from Trinidad with her sister and two brothers to start a new life in London. **The Street Beneath my Feet** by Charlotte Guillain. This award-winning book takes you on a fascinating journey down through the layers of the Earth, all the way to the planet's core and out the other side. We will also be reading **The Quangle Wangle's Hat** by Edward Lear; a nonsense poem that describes how a Quangle Wangle is no longer lonely once canaries and a number of other animals build homes in his enormous hat. We will write humorous poems, a formal invitation and a non-chronological report, focusing on different sentence types, subordinating conjunctions and technical vocabulary.



In **Maths**, we will be starting with our money unit. Children will learn how to count in pence and pounds, combine amounts, find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money and solve simple problems in a practical context, including giving change. We will also start our multiplication and division unit, where children will learn strategies such as arrays and equal grouping to support and consolidate their understanding.

In **Geography**, the children will be learning about the British Isles. Throughout this unit, children will look at the link between the geography of a place and its human features. They will learn about the countries of the British Isles. They will become familiar with the British Isles' key geographical features, including Wales's mountains and valleys and The Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.



In **History**, we will be taking part in the Thetford Heritage Project. The children will learn about Allan Glaisyer Minns, the first elected black mayor in Great Britain. Minns served two one-year terms as mayor of Thetford from 1904 to 1906.

The Year 2 team

Important Dates

Thurs 12th Jan – Trip to Kings House

Thurs 19th Jan - American food day (hot dinners)

Wed 8-Feb- Parents Eve

Thurs 9-Feb - Parents Eve

w/c 13-Feb Half-Term

Home Learning

Spellings - weekly, it is better to practice 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 children.

Knowledge Organisers - please read through these with your children.

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 Monday and Thursday

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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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