

Year 2 Newsletter



Summer 1



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

This half term in **English**, our class text is: 'Fantastically Great Women who changed the World' by Kate Pankhurst. This book introduces fascinating facts about women who have changed the world. Whilst celebrating the achievements of these women, there are the underlying messages of following our dreams and that we all have the potential to change the world. There is a varied lineup of subjects, including a scientist, an athlete, an explorer, a writer, a fashion designer and a civil rights campaigner. In **writing**, we will be writing a non-chronological report; we will be learning how to organise our writing so it is easy for the reader to understand and imbed the use of subordinating conjunctions and constantly write in the present tense. We will also retell a simple narrative; in this unit, we will describe characters using expanded noun phrases and write in the third person and past tense.



In **maths**, our first unit is fractions, where we will learn how to recognise, find, name and write the fractions $1/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$ and $3/4$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. Our second unit is time, where we will re-capping o'clock and half past the hour and learn how to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.

In **history**, we will be learning about the Tudors. This unit aims to deepen pupils' understanding of how Britain in the past was ruled. The children will learn that powerful dynasties ruled over Britain, where power was inherited and passed down through generations. This unit focuses on the lives of Henry VIII and his three children: Mary I, Elizabeth I and Edward VI.

In **geography**, we will be studying Northern Europe. In this unit, we will use maps to explore the location of countries such as Denmark, Norway and Sweden, as well as to identify human features of the region. We will learn how to read a simple climate graph and compare the climate of an area in Northern Europe to that of the UK. To conclude this unit, children will learn about the explorer Roald Amundsen, who was born in Norway. They will learn about Amundsen's travels through the Northwest Passage and his expedition to the South Pole.

The Year 2 team

Important Dates

- 01 May - Bank Holiday
- 04 May - SATs Meeting
- 08 May - Bank Holiday
- 25 May - Class Photos
- 25 May - Rock Kids
- 26 May - Climbing Wall
- 26 May - Last day of half-term

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 children.

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 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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