

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1



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Dear Families,

Happy New Year. We hope you had a festive Christmas and a sparkly New Year.

This first half of the spring term in **English**, our class texts will be **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 to start a new life in London. **The Street Beneath My Feet** by Charlotte Guillain. This 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 several other animals build homes in his enormous hat. We will be writing our own humorous poems, a formal invitation and a non-chronological report. We will focus on different sentence types, subordinating conjunctions and technical vocabulary.



In **maths**, the children are introduced to multiplication and will learn the two, five and ten times tables. We will then begin an introduction to division, where division calculations can be used to represent grouping problems.

In **RE** this term, the children will be learning about Judaism with a focus on Passover. We will answer the question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? We will also explore how celebrating Passover helps Jews show God they value their special relationship with Him.

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

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



The Year 2 team

Important Dates

Tue 23 Jan 2024—Parents Evening

Wed 24 Jan 2024—Parents Evening

Thur 15 Feb 2024—Rock Kidz

Fri 16 Feb 2024—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 in PE our units are dance and balls skills.

Beagle class: PE is on a Monday and Friday.
Cutty Sark class: PE is on a Tuesday and Friday.
Please come into school wearing your PE kits on these days.



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