

# Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 2



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Dear Families,

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

In **reading**, 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 mountain pool, from where it takes the reader on a journey following those drops of water across the planet from rivers to seas, deep into the oceans, to the clouds and then to jungles and towns. This breathtaking non-fiction picture book explores the water cycle and reminds us about our environment and how precious it is.

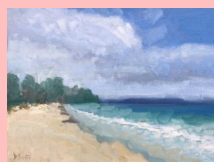


In **writing**, we will be looking at stories from different cultures. We will continue to embed the use of expanded noun phrases and adverbs, creating a clear and simple story plot and learning how to write in the third person and past tense. We will also be writing a recount from personal experience,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



In **maths**, children will be learning grouping and sharing strategies to answer division problems and learning about the mathematical language to describe 2D and 3D shapes. We will finish the term by learning addition strategies to add two-digit numbers.

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 learn about the germination process. They will also perform a simple test investigating the conditions for healthy plants to grow and survive. The children will grow their own broad bean plants that they can bring home at the end!



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

The Year 2 team

## Important Dates

**Thur 7 Mar 2024** - World Book Day

**Fri 15 Mar 2024** - Comic Relief

**Mon 25 March 2024** - Theatre production

**Wed 27 Mar 2024** - Last day of 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 Yoga and Invasion Games.

**Beagle class:** PE is on a Monday and Friday.

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



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