

# 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 reading, we will read **Little People, Big Dreams David Attenborough** by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. This empowering book is a biography presented as a story that explores the life and work of David Attenborough. The book offers insights into the importance of protecting our natural world. We will also be reading **Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World** by Kate Pankhurst. This book provides an introduction and some fascinating facts about women who have changed the world and celebrates their achievements.



In **writing**, we will be writing a non-chronological report. We will learn how to organise our writing so it is easy for the reader to understand, embed the use of subordinating conjunctions and write constantly in the present tense. We will also be retelling a simple narrative. In this unit, we will describe characters using expanded noun phrases, writing in the third person and in the past tense.



In **maths**, our first unit is fractions, where we will learn how to recognise, find, name and write the fractions  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. Our second unit is time, where we will recap o'clock and half past the hour - learning how to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and drawing 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 was ruled in the past. The children will learn that powerful dynasties, where power was inherited and passed down through generations, ruled over Britain. 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 identify key countries such as Denmark, Norway and Sweden. We will also learn how to read a climate graph, enabling us to compare the climate of a region in Northern Europe to that of the UK. Lastly, the children will learn about Roald Amundsen, an explorer who was born in Norway. They will explore Amundsen's travels through the Northwest Passage and his expedition to the South Pole.

The Year 2 team

## Important Dates

26 Apr - PE wow day

6 May - Bank Holiday

25 May to 2 Jun - Half term

4 Jun - Author visit

26 Jun - Sports Day

## 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.



**Maths** - Practice 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 reading champion badge.

## PE

This half term in PE our units are Net and Wall, and Striking and Field.

**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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