



Spring 2024 1st Half Term - Year 2

We hope you all had a restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas. We are raring to get started with the new term and have got lots of exciting things planned for the children. All of your children have returned to school eager to learn and it's great to be greeted by their happy faces every morning. Team Parkland will begin a new topic on Space which the children are already curious to learn more about.

English

★ **Poetry:** The children are really showing us how ready they are to write more extended pieces of writing, we are so proud of the progress they are making! This term we are going to be teaching the children about poetry. We will introduce them to a range of poets and look at different forms of poetry. The children will be encouraged to write their own poems in various styles. We will be selecting poems that link to our Space topic.

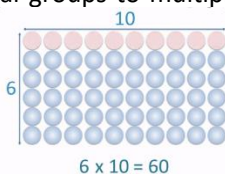
★ **Phonics** The children will continue to have new sounds introduced and we will be working towards learning spelling rules such as 'g' making the 'j' sound.

★ **Spelling:** Please continue to practise spellings with your children at home, now that they are in Year 2 it is important for them to be spelling many words correctly.

Maths

★ Multiplication and Division

The children will be continuing to learn about multiplication and will be introduced to division as well. They will have opportunities to practise times tables and will learn to use arrays, repeated addition and equal groups to multiply and divide.



Rapid recall of multiplication facts is so important. We will be starting to use TimesTable RockStars – an online resources which encourages the development of speed and accuracy.

★ Statistics

In statistics the children will be learning about different ways of recording data. They will be drawing and interpreting pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams.

Sport	
Football	▲▲▲▲▲
Tennis	▲▲
Basketball	▲▲▲
Hockey	▲▲▲▲
Swimming	▲

Topic Focus

Space

★ **History:** We will be focusing on significant people and events that occurred in relation to space. The children will learn about the timeline of events that lead to the first moon landing. This topic enables the children to learn about historical events from more recent times.

★ **Science:** In science this term, the children will be learning about materials.

★ **Geography:** This topic will give the children the chance to learn more about the different seasons, where hot and cold areas are located on the globe and the seas surrounding the UK.

★ **RE:** The children will be learning about the religion of Hinduism. This will include some Hindu festivals and their beliefs on the creation of the world.

★ **PSHE:** The children will learn about what makes healthy and happy friendships

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday **Alder:** Monday and Wednesday **Hazel:** Monday and Wednesday
- ★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. They also need to have a coat and any other items you may wish to send to keep them warm in the colder weather. Everything sent into school must be labelled.
- ★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: Friday 12th January
- ★ DT Week: 7th-11th February
- ★ We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kearley, Mr Pohl and Ms