



Spring 2024 2nd Half Term - Year 2

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. As with every year, time is flying by and we are already half way through the year! We are eager to welcome the children back into the classrooms. This half term will be filled with more fun, we are busy preparing for DT week and are looking forward to our Space Day – booked in on the 27th of March where the children will have the chance to enjoy a whole day of space themed activities!

English

- ★ **Non-Fiction Writing:** We will tie in what the children are learning about in History which will enable them to gain a deeper knowledge of the significant historical individuals and events. The children will need to ensure that their writing is factual, descriptive and well structured. We will be looking at some examples of different non-fiction texts to show the children what they should be working towards.
- ★ **Phonics** The children will continue to have new sounds introduced each week as well as recapping sounds that have previously learnt. This term we will begin learning more about writing in paragraphs. We are hoping that the children will become more confident at writing longer pieces of writing and will begin to use paragraphs effectively.
- ★ **Spelling:** Please continue to practise spellings with your children, it is important that they are able to spell most words correctly by the end of Year 2.

Maths

- ★ **Multiplication and Division:**
The children will spend most of this term learning about multiplication and division. We will be building on what the children learnt last year by using equal groups to multiply and share fairly. We will ensure that children are confidently using arrays to check multiplication and division sums. We will be focusing on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and helping the children to count confidently in these increments. The children will also look at fact families relating to multiplication and division sums.
- ★ **Measuring length and height**
We will be learning about measurement with a focus on length and height. The children will be making estimates about lengths and deciding whether it is more appropriate to measure in cm or m. They will then look at ordering and comparing different lengths and heights.

Topic Focus

Space

- ★ **History:**
★ This term we will continue to learn about a range of historical events that have taken place in Space. The children are developing a timeline in their classrooms and are beginning to get a good understanding of how space travel has come about.
- ★ **Science:**
Materials
- ★ **PSHE:**
Caring and Responsibilities
- ★ **RE:**
Christianity and Lent
- ★ **PE:**
Object control
- ★ **Computing:**
Abstraction
- ★ **DT Week focus:**
Structures
- ★ **Music:**
Vocal and body sounds
- French:**
In the classroom

Foundation Subject *big* questions can be found on the school website.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday **Alder:** Monday and Wednesday **Hazel:** Monday and Thursday
- ★ 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.
- ★ We will have a 'Space' themed Day on 27th March – please ensure that you have paid for this on school gateway. A letter will be coming out shortly.
- ★ DT week will take place: 18th March. Please send any newspapers into school.

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