



Spring 2022 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 1st of April where the children will have the chance to enjoy a whole day of space themed activities!

English

- ★ **Poetry:** The children have been enjoying our creative writing lessons every Friday morning and we are confident that they will enjoy our learning this term which will be 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 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

★ Measurement

This term the children will be learning about measuring length, height, weight, temperature and capacity. We will introduce the children to the different standard units of measure that are used such as litres, kilograms, degrees celsius etc. The children will also cover what units of measure are worth e.g. 100cm in a metre.
They will have a go at solving problems using different types of measurements.

★ 2d and 3d shapes

Towards the end of the half term the children will cover 2d and 3d shapes. We will look at the names and properties of a range of shapes and will also learn about symmetry. The children will be encouraged to recognise which 2d shapes make up 3d shapes and will look at the similarities and differences between different shapes.

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:** In science this term, the children will continue to learn about animals including humans. We will cover life cycles and food chains this half term.
- ★ **Geography:** We will continue with our learning about the Earth, recapping the names of the continents and the oceans, as well as looking at seasonal changes in weather and why we experience seasons.
- ★ **PSHE:** This term the children will look at what makes people special and important to them. We will be looking at how people care for one another.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday **Alder:** Monday and Thursday **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.
- ★ DT Week: 14th-18th March
- ★ Space Day: 1st April – please ensure that you have paid for this on school gateway. A letter will be coming out shortly.

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