

Year 2 Spring Term 1

English	<p>Writing In our narrative writing, children will investigate and respond to text and explore characters' feelings. In non-narrative writing we will be looking at newspaper reports and diary entries.</p> <p>Spelling Punctuation and Grammar There will continue to be a huge emphasis on this to improve the quality of the children's writing. This half term, they will continue to look at conjunctions and how they can be used in their writing. In Spellings, the children will be learning spelling rules and investigating sounds, 'u', 'ee', 'o', 'er' and 'zh'. The children will also be expected to continue practising to learn their fortnightly spelling words sent home, ready for our fortnightly spelling dictation when we test these words and also spellings from previous weeks.</p>
Maths	<p>We will look at addition and subtraction methods and how we can link addition to subtraction. Children will also learn about statistics - pictograms and bar charts.</p>
Science	<p>The children will be working scientifically: observing, asking questions, performing simple tests, offering answers to questions and gathering and recording information. We will be learning about growing plants.</p>
Computing	<p>Coding lessons will take place on Fridays. The children will also have the opportunity to use iPads to enhance their work in English and Maths.</p> <p>Please see: espressocoding.co.uk Username: Student 22386 Password: davyhulme Please look at our school website to access our Year 1 and 2 Blogs.</p> <p>The children will also be using Scratch in Computer Science lessons, in our topic We are astronauts.</p>
Topic	<p>We will be learning about The Great Fire of London.</p>
R.E/Values	<p>Through the strands, 'Expressing, Believing and Living', children will enjoy activities that link to our monthly values, as recorded in the planners.</p>
Art/D.T.	<p>In the main, children will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. They will use a wide range of techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.</p>
P.E.	<p>We will continue to have Gymnastics lessons on Tuesdays; please note the need to have full PE kits in school every day, in order that we can change the timetable if necessary.</p>
Homework	<p>Every day: Reading & comprehension (Home reading books and/or Bug Club for on-line books and comprehension) and spellings practice On occasion, other topic related homework will be issued.</p>

Useful information for Parents

Parents' Information

In order to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try:

- Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. Please listen to your child read every night and record this in their planner.
- Use Times Table Rockstars to help children learn their multiplication and division facts.
- Play number games, counting forwards and backwards from different start numbers.
- Play traditional board games.
- Visit your local library and make use of the books, CDs and videos they offer, especially the ones related to your child's topic.
- Practise your child's spellings with them - they will have a list of spellings to learn each Thursday for a test the following week.
- Practise your child's high frequency/key words (high frequency/key words are found in your child's planner) and common exception words (found below). Year 2 children need to be able to read and spell all high frequency/key words and common exception words by the end of Key Stage 1 (July 2020).

KS1 Common Exception Words

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the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes	
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy	
do	he	asked	poor	told	bath	people	
to	me	friend	because	find	every	hour	water
today	she	school	kind	great	move	again	
of	we	put	mind	break	prove	half	
said	no	push	behind	steak	improve	money	
says	go	pull	child	pretty	sugar	Mr	
are	so	full	children	beautiful	eye	Mrs	
were	by	house	wild	after	could	parents	
was	my	our	climb	fast	should	Christmas	
is	here		most	last	would	everybody	
his	there		only	past	who	even	
has	where		both	father	whole		
I	love		old	class	any		
you	come		cold	grass	many		
your	some			pass			