



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2025



Happy New Year! We have a fantastic term of learning ahead!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Diary Dates:

8th January – Trip to Lyceum Theatre to watch The Lion King

13th February – 2SD Class assembly

The Year 2 Team:	
2LT	Lauren and Amanda
2SD	Sophia and Tessa

Geography - Our topic this half term is Kenya



Children will be learning about the country of Kenya and its incredible landscapes and wildlife. They will be learning lots of new map skills to put into practice. Children are starting off our topic work this term with a visit to The Lyceum Theatre to see The Lion King on stage in the West End!

You will also have received this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

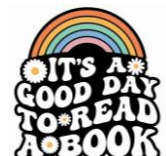
Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

English - This half term, children will be reading the text *The Journey Home* by Frann Preston-Gannon.

This text explores issues of conservation and starts to explore whether we can escape the issues that endangered animals face on a day-to-day basis. The children will create fact files on endangered animals as well writing short persuasive pieces on why children need to save a particular endangered animal. They will also practise their oracy skills by presenting their campaigns to peers.

Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - This half term children will be learning about multiplication and division. Children will start the unit by making the connection between repeated addition and multiplication and identifying when groups are equal or not. They will progress to creating arrays to represent calculations. Children will use a range of manipulatives to demonstrate their understanding.



You can support your child at home by practising the 2,5,10 times tables.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - This half term, Year 2 will be learning about 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will explore how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. Children will start to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in different habitats, including micro-habitats. Children will use the nature garden to complete a number of observations.



R.E – This half term, children will be learning about Easter and why it is celebrated by many people around the world.

P.E – This term Year 2 will learn key skills to use in 'Invasion Games' such as dodging, passing and defending.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

class	Day 1	Day 2
2LT	Wednesday	Thursday
2SD	Wednesday	Thursday

PSHE - This half term, Year 2 will cover a range of important topics. Some of the subjects children will explore and discuss are 'money and spending' and 'water safety'.

Music - This half term, children will continue to develop their understanding of rhythm, pitch and dynamics. They will use their voices and percussions instruments to create and compose music on their own and with others.



Computing - This half term, Year 2's unit is 'Robot Algorithms'. Children will consider how to create a clear and precise set of instructions in relation to an algorithm, and will think about how computers can only follow clear and unambiguous instructions.

On behalf of the Year 2 team, we look forward to another exciting term together.
Thank you for your support!

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>