



*Year 2  
Newsletter  
Spring 1  
2020*

*Our topic this half term is:*

## ***Bangladesh***

We will be continuing Project Based Learning this term with a focus on developing Oracy skills. We will be comparing Bangladesh with the UK and developing our Geography skills.

We will also be developing our presentational skills.



### ***The Year 2 Team:***

***Farah - Parisa Angeletos  
Ennis - Alicia Taylor-Adams  
Support Staff: Juan Sanchez***

## Important Dates

### PE:

This will take place every **Friday** afternoon.  
Please help your child to remember to bring their P.E. kit to school including appropriate shoes.

### Trips:

TBC

## Maths

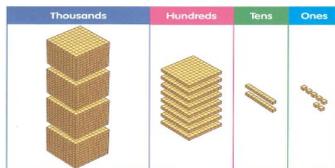


In maths, we are continuing with the Inspire Maths programme (for more information, Google "Inspire Maths OUP"). The programme focuses on a mastery approach where all children will develop a deep understanding of topics before moving on.

We will continue to reinforce our knowledge of place value.

This half term, we'll be learning about:

- Data
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Measuring length and Mass
- Fractions



## English

Our first text is 'A Day With Musa'. It outlines the typical day of a young boy in rural Bangladesh. We will use this to compare and contrast our lives in London with Musa. This will be followed by 'Lonely Beasts' and poetry.

We will continue daily phonics sessions and learn the continuous cursive style of letter formation.

We will continue twice weekly Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar sessions where we learn how to form nouns and adjectives by adding suffixes. We will learn how to turn adjectives into adverbs. We will begin to use expanded noun phrases.

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

A creative half-termly project will also be set. This can involve making models, posters, presentations.

It is also important that your child knows their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g.  $5 \times 2 = 10$  so  $10/5 = 2$ ).

## Reading



It is most important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly. Children are to have daily comments in their logs.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

## Spring 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home time or via the school office.*

## Science

In Science this half term, Year 2 are learning about Keeping Healthy. During this topic, we will:

- Learn about the importance of good hygiene.
- Learn about the importance of exercise.
- Learn about how to make healthy food choices.
- Design and make our own healthy food.

## Humanities and Topic

### History/ Geography

In history, we'll be looking at The Great Fire of London. We will learn about how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. We will learn to put events in chronological order and use a range of historical terms.

### Art and Design/Technology.

In Technology we will be learning the need for a variety of food in our diet. We will understand where our food comes from and explore our edible garden. We will be learning to use a range of techniques to prepare food safely.

### Computing

In computing this half term, we will be learning how to use the computer for research.

### R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Sikhism. The teachings, practices and ways of life, as well as identifying and belonging to a community.

### Voluntary Contributions

We will continue to take contributions of £5 per half term. This is used to purchase items for the children to use in their projects. Please give this to your child's class teacher.