

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1 – 2025

### Heritage and Culture

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break! Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Heritage and Culture'. Alongside our English, Mathematics and Science, this topic will incorporate many of the subject areas through a variety of creative tasks and activities. We will explore ...

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	
Chaffinch - 96.1%	Goldfinch - 96.3%
<b>Target - 97.5%</b>	

***As readers and writers...***

English lessons will be taught through the 'Write Stuff' approach and will see children learning key grammar skills as part of their journey to becoming skilled writers. Lessons will be taught through quality texts and the children will explore these in a variety of ways. For this half term, children will read 'Grandad's Island' and 'Bold Women in Black History'.



Reading sessions will take place daily and will include both phonics and comprehension. The children will also enjoy a rich 'read aloud' selection of books throughout the year to ensure they are continually exposed to quality texts.

***As mathematicians we will be learning to...***

**Money:**

- Count money in pence and pounds
- Choose notes and coins
- Compare amounts of money
- Calculate with money
- Find change
- Complete 2-problems

**Number: Multiplication and Division**

- Recognise, make and add equal groups
- Multiplication sentences using X symbol
- Multiplication sentences from pictures
- Use arrays
- Make doubles
- 2 times table
- 5 times table
- 10 times table
- Make equal groups - sharing
- Make equal groups - groups
- Divide by 2
- Odd and even numbers
- Divide by 5
- Divide by 10



***As scientists, we will be investigating...***

Everyday Materials! We will explore how both natural and man-made materials are used based on the strengths of their properties:

- Sort and classify objects based on their properties
- Understand how some materials are naturally occurring and others are man made
- Understand how paper is made
- Understand how some materials can change shape
- Understand a materials suitability for purpose



### As good citizens...

Our half term begins with 'Safeguarding Week' in which we will learn about how to stay safe online and how to cross the road safely. Our PSHE learning will then see us continuing with the safety theme.

### As historians...

We will be learning about Queen Victoria and the changes that happened in Victorian Britain.

### As theologians...

RE in Y2 will look in depth at Judaism. For this half term we will be focussing on art and literature in Judaism, including a special lesson on the festival Tu B'Shevat.

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### As athletes...

We will continue to work on our fitness as well as a unit on gymnastics including balances and partner work.

### As musicians...

We will continue with our Musical Bumps sessions, beginning to read musical notation and learning more about pitch.

### As geographers...

We will be developing our map skills, exploring maps from the past and comparing them with modern maps as well as having a go at making our own maps.

### As linguists...

We will begin recap of basic greetings, numbers and descriptions.

### As budding techies ...

We will be working on our coding skills to program an object online.

### As aspiring artists...

We will be looking at collage! We will explore collage materials and techniques as well as linking it to our Victorian theme and exploring thaumatropes and flip books.

### Homework

Children will have homework set on Friday each week, which will be due in the following Wednesday.

**Reading** - All children will take home a banded reading book that is appropriate for their level. These can be changed as often as needed provided they have been read and understood.

**Spelling** - All children will be sent home spellings each week (based on spelling rules or high frequency words) and they will be tested on a weekly basis after they have been sent home to learn. There will be assignments with these spellings set on Spelling Shed too.

**Times tables** - Children will also be encouraged to focus on their times tables throughout the year (in Year 2, we focus on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables).

### Year 2 team

**Chaffinch** - Mrs Harriman and Miss Champion

**Goldfinch** - Miss Bailey and Miss Leung (PPA)

**Year 2 TAs** - Miss Shaw, Mrs Brooks (Butterfly)

### Notices and reminders

- PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for **Goldfinch** and **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for **Chaffinch**. Please ensure that your child is sent into school wearing the correct kit on those days.
- Please continue to read for pleasure every day with your child and record it in your reading record. We will be checking them regularly.