



Spring 2 Newsletter

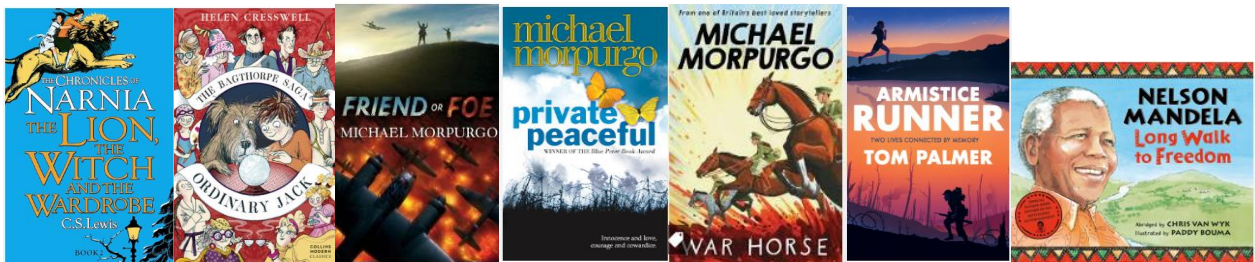
Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Spring 2!

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests?

These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



Reading

This half term, we will be preparing children for the SATs by focusing on answering SATs-style questions using **Testbase materials** and **past SATs papers**. Our lessons will develop key reading skills, including:

- **Retrieval** – finding key information in a text
- **Inference** – reading between the lines to understand meaning
- **Vocabulary** – understanding and using new words in context
- **Summarising** – identifying the main ideas of a text
- **Prediction** – using clues to guess what might happen next
- **Explanation** – justifying answers using evidence from the text
- **Comparing texts** – making links between different texts and ideas

To support your child at home, encourage them to read daily and discuss what they have read, focusing on answering questions about the text. Continue to encourage your child at home to access Reading Plus using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

This half term, we will continue using *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as inspiration for writing. Children will write a formal letter, linked to the story, developing their use of formal tone, persuasive language, and organisational features.

Our Ancient Mayan Civilisation topic will inspire two exciting writing pieces: an informal diary entry, where children will practise first-person narrative, emotive language, and informal tone, and a narrative on the discovery of a Mayan tomb, focusing on building suspense, descriptive language, and varied sentence structures.

Throughout these writing cycles, children will refine their grammar, vocabulary choices, and editing skills to become confident, effective writers.

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

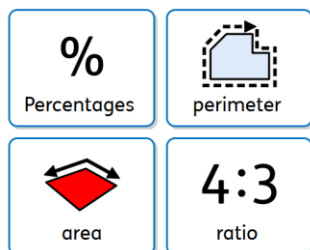
Spelling

Spellings are given weekly with tests each Thursday. Please test your child at home each day.

Maths

This half term, our focus in maths will be on **percentages, ratio, algebra, and area & perimeter**. Children will develop key skills such as:

- Finding percentages of amounts and solving percentage problems
- Understanding and using ratio in real-life contexts
- Exploring algebra by using symbols and letters to represent numbers
- Calculating the area and perimeter of different shapes



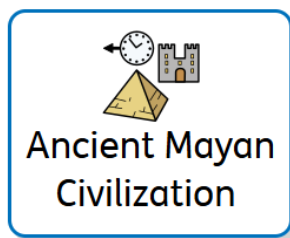
These topics will help build problem-solving skills and mathematical reasoning. Practising times tables and mental maths at home will support their learning.

History and Geography

This half term, we will continue exploring the fascinating **Ancient Mayan Civilisation**. Children will learn about Mayan culture, society, and achievements, including their writing system, number system, and religious beliefs.

Through this topic, children will develop key historical skills such as:

- Chronological understanding – placing events in order and comparing them to other ancient civilisations.
- Historical enquiry – using different sources to ask and answer questions about the past.
- Critical thinking – analysing evidence to understand how the Maya lived and why their civilisation declined.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February e safety week

Friday 28th February Y6 Family Assembly

Wednesday 5th March Kench Hill Parent meeting Y6 3.30pm

Friday 7th March World Book Day dress up

Friday 7th March 3.30pm School council book sale

Monday 10th March science week

Friday 14th March Y6 British Museum trip

Tuesday 18th March Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 4th April - end of term 2pm finish

Campaign

This half term, our campaign lessons will focus on E-Safety, helping children understand how to stay safe and responsible online. As part of this, they will take part in the BBC Teach LIVE online lesson, which explores key online safety topics in an engaging and interactive way

Science

This half term, our science lessons will focus on the circulatory system. Children will learn about the heart, blood vessels, and blood, exploring how they work together to transport oxygen and nutrients around the body.

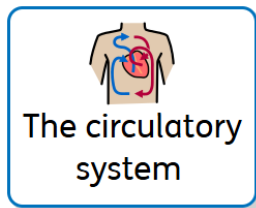
Key skills we will develop:

Identifying and explaining the main parts of the circulatory system.

Investigating how exercise affects heart rate.

Interpreting scientific data to understand how the body responds to activity.

Using scientific vocabulary to describe key processes.



ICT

This half term in ICT, children will be learning about **data and information** and will be introduced to **spreadsheets**. They will develop key skills such as:

- Understanding how data is collected and organised
- Entering, editing, and formatting data in a spreadsheet
- Using simple formulas to carry out calculations
- Creating charts to represent data visually

These lessons will help children build confidence in handling data, a valuable skill for the digital world!

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, our focus is "**Healthy Me**", where children will learn how to make positive choices for their physical and mental well-being. They will develop key skills such as:

- Understanding the importance of a balanced diet and regular exercise

- Recognizing how to keep their bodies and minds healthy
- Learning strategies to manage emotions and stress
- Exploring ways to build positive relationships and self-confidence

RE

This half term in RE, our focus will be on Judaism and Christianity. Children will explore key beliefs, practices, and important figures from both religions, helping them understand their similarities and differences. They will develop skills in critical thinking, reflection, and respect as they learn to compare religious stories, symbols, and traditions. This will encourage them to appreciate diversity and deepen their understanding of how different faiths influence people's lives.

PE

This half term in PE, children will be developing their skills in football and gymnastics. In football, they will work on dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork, as well as understanding game tactics and positioning. In gymnastics, they will focus on balance, coordination, flexibility, and sequencing movements to create routines. These lessons will help improve their confidence, control, and overall fitness while encouraging teamwork and resilience.

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursday**

Music

This half term in our Music lessons, we will be focusing on the song *Round and Round* by Latin Bossa Nova. The children will explore the rhythm, melody, and structure of this lively Latin-inspired music. Key skills they will develop include improving their listening skills, understanding different musical styles, and practicing rhythm patterns through clapping and movement. They will also have the opportunity to create and perform their own music inspired by the song. We're excited for the children to experience this energetic and vibrant music style!

Spanish

This half term in Spanish, our focus will be on exploring Guatemala and learning about its culture and landmarks. The children will also work on 'I'd like to visit' presentations, where they'll practice using new vocabulary to talk about places they'd like to visit. It's a fun and interactive way for students to engage with the language and develop their speaking skills

Art and DT

This half term in Art, our focus will be on drawing, with a fun unit on Farm Animals. Students will explore the bold and vibrant style of Fauvism, inspired by the artist Henri Matisse, and create their own Fauvist Farm Animals artwork. We're excited to see their creativity shine through in this colorful and expressive project!

In our DT lessons, we will be focusing on making garlic bread! The children will learn key skills such as measuring ingredients, following a recipe, working safely with kitchen tools, and understanding the importance of hygiene. It's a fun and practical way for them to develop their cooking skills while exploring different textures and flavours. We look forward to seeing their delicious creations



Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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