



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2
2026

News

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your half term holiday. The children worked very hard in the last term and are making good progress in their learning. This term we have a number of special events planned to enhance their learning

Literacy

This half term in Literacy, our learning will be based on the story [The King Who Banned the Dark](#) by Emily Harworth-Booth. Through this engaging text, the children will explore themes such as fear, change and understanding different viewpoints. They will plan and write a **persuasive letter** to the King, giving reasons why he should not ban the dark anymore. The children will focus on using persuasive language, clear arguments and conjunctions to explain their ideas, as well as applying their growing knowledge of punctuation and sentence structure.

History

This half term in History, our topic is '**How Did We Learn to Fly?**'. The children will explore how flight has developed over time, learning key vocabulary and studying important events and individuals. They will learn about the [Wright brothers](#) and the first powered flight, [Bessie Coleman](#), [Amelia Earhart](#) and the [Moon Landing](#). Through timelines and historical images, the children will build their understanding of how flying has changed and why these achievements are still important today.

Music

Year 2 are continuing to work on a percussion unit called 'Time.' The piece TIME has a palindromic structure – each musical part is introduced in sequence, building to a peak (the alarm clock rings), the parts then decay in the order they were introduced right back to the beginning, a ticking clock. The word 'clock' comes from the Latin word 'clocca' meaning 'bell' and is also the root of the instrument name 'glocken'-spiel (which features in this piece). TIME is an exploration of beat, beat division, structure and textural layering.

P.E

In PE, children will be having introductory to Athletics lessons. They will learn to run at different paces, control their speed and how to change direction at pace and when moving around obstacles. Children will learn to control their speed while changing direction

Science

Our topic will be '**Living Things and their Habitats**'. Children will be learning about the different types of habitats (e.g., oceans and woodlands) and the animals and plants that live within them.

Computing

Pupils will learn about **safe internet searching**. They will be using an internet browser and search engines, as well as finding information to create a presentations. You can support your child by helping them to use the internet safely and helping them to select reliable information.

Art

This half term our art topic will be '**Life in Colour**'. In this topic, the children will be experimenting with mixing secondary colours and how different painting tools can create different textures. The children will then be using the techniques they have learnt to make their own collage.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning about **measurement**. Our work on measures will include using a ruler to measure in centimetres and metres and solving measurement problems. The children will be using their knowledge to compare and order different lengths and heights. We will also learn about capacity (ml/l) and mass (g/kg). Doing some baking with the children will help their understanding of these concepts.

A recommended website to help you support your child in maths is BBC Bitesize KS1 Maths:

[Year 2 Measuring - Year 2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

And to help with children's number fluency try these maths games: [Topmarks](#)

PSHE

Our topic this term will continue to be '**Healthy Me**'. During this topic, children will learn about how to keep healthy and about 'big feelings' like anger and worry and discuss how we can manage them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Thank you

Miss Ramji 2W

Mrs Asghar 2P

Miss Mihramane 2S

Mrs Maher 2F

Year 2 Home Learning Spring 2

Please complete all three challenges. Home learning to be submitted in your red home learning book.

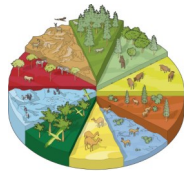
Science

This half term, our Science topic is '[Living Things and Their Habitats](#)'.

Your task:

Choose one habitat (for example: polar, ocean, desert or woodland). Create a poster or fact file that includes:

- The name of the habitat
- A description of what it is like (e.g. hot, cold, wet, dry)
- At least 3 animals that live there
- At least 2 plants that grow there
- A labelled picture



Challenge: Can you explain why the animals and plants are suited to that habitat?

History

This half term we are learning about the history of flight. For your homework, we would like you to choose **one famous person or event** we have studied ([Wright brothers](#) and the first powered flight, [Bessie Coleman](#), [Amelia Earhart](#) and the [Moon Landing](#)).

Your task:

Create a small poster or fact file that includes:

- The name of the person or event
- When it happened
- 3 interesting facts



Try to use some of our history vocabulary such as *pilot*, *flight*, *aircraft*, *inventor*, *explorer*, or *journey*.

English

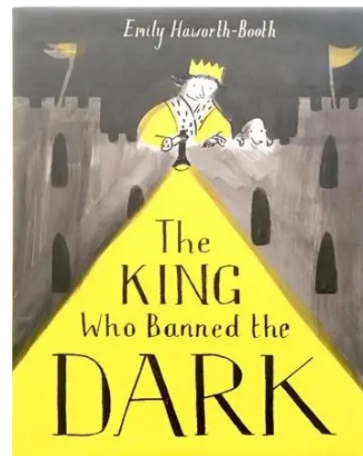
In English, we are reading [The King Who Banned the Dark](#) and exploring what life would be like without darkness.

Your task:

Imagine you live in a place where there is no darkness at all. Write a short piece of writing describing what it would be like.

You might include:

- What you would see at night?
- How people and animals might feel
- What might be good about it?
- What problems could it cause?



Compulsory Homework - Maths Fluency Focus

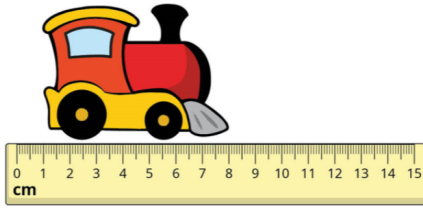
We will be learning about measurement this term. Please complete the reasoning questions weekly.

In addition to this, please complete the CGP pages that have been given for the week.



Week 1 - Length

Sam uses a ruler to measure the length of the toy train.



The train is 8 cm long.

Do you agree with Sam?
Explain your answer.

Week 2 - Height

There are three teddies called Flo, Tim and Bo.



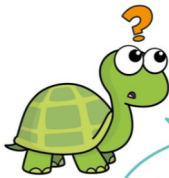
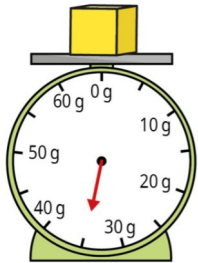
- Flo is 15 cm taller than Tim.
- Tim is 3 cm shorter than Bo.
- Bo is 42 cm tall.

How tall is Flo?

How tall is Tim?

Week 3- Mass

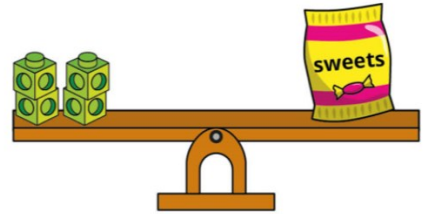
1. Tiny uses scales to find the mass of a cube in grams.



I cannot find the mass of the cube, because the arrow is not pointing to a number.

Do you agree with Tiny?
Why?

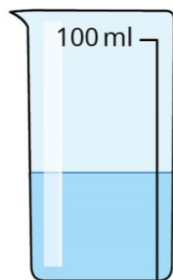
2. Ron uses cubes to find the mass of one bag of sweets.



What is the mass of 2 bags of sweets?

Week 4- Capacity

1. Estimate the amount of water in the container. 2. A bottle has a capacity of 2 litres.
How many bottles are needed to hold 9 litres?



Explain your answer.

Week 5- Temperature

1. Sam measures the temperature at 1 pm and at 5 pm.
There is a difference of 7 °C.
What could the temperatures be?

2. The table shows some temperatures around the world.

London	New York	Madrid	Sydney	Oslo
	7 °C	17 °C	26 °C	2 °C

London is 15 °C colder than Sydney.

Complete the table.