

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

January 2023



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you all a happy New Year!

Year Leader: Miss Weld

Badger Class: Miss Weld, Miss Braddick and Mrs Compton-Rae

Owl Class: Mr Penfold and Mrs Neeley

Hedgehog Class: Mr Cain and Mrs Cufley, Mrs Davison, Mrs Collins, Mrs Bond and Mrs Hawkins

English – Writing

In English, we will continue to use both books and film clips to inspire our fiction and non-fiction writing.

We will be learning to use commas and apostrophes for possession and contractions as well as new vocabulary to add description to our writing.

We use Kinetic Letters as our handwriting scheme at Harrison. We will be focusing on 'snuggling' letters to prepare for joining in KS2.



Maths



In maths, we will begin by looking at money. We will then move on to multiplication and division and children will learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also look at measures including length and height and mass, capacity and temperature.

It is important that children in Year 2 know their number bonds to 20 and their 2, 5 and 10 times tables so please practise these at home.

Times Table Rockstars is a great resource which can be used to practise this skill-

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>.

Please encourage your child to log on and play the games.

Reading

We will be working on comprehension this half term in our reading. Children will take part in Guided Reading sessions and complete questions based on what they have read. It is important that all children (even if they are fluent readers) read regularly at home. We expect all children to read at least 3 times a week.



Please write all reading in their reading diaries so we can award responsibility merit points. Reading diaries are checked on Wednesdays.

Home Learning

Your child will receive home learning each week. These tasks should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week which they should practice each day at home. We will be expecting to see these words spelt correctly in their independent writing.

Foundation Curriculum

Science

During this term we will be learning about keeping healthy.

Computing

We will become game testers and learn about algorithms.

Music

During the term we will learn about dynamics, texture and timbre and use percussion instruments.

RE

We will look at the concept of remembering by looking at the Jewish holiday, Passover.

Games/P.E.

We will be developing our attacking and defending skills and gymnastic skills.

History

We will look at Admiral Lord Nelson. We will be answering the question 'Who was Nelson and why is he still remembered today?'

PSCHE

We will learn what bullying is and look at keeping healthy.

Art

We will make a seascape using weaving techniques and learn sewing stitches to create an Easter card.



Other Important Information and Dates

It is important for children to have access to water during their learning time so please could your child bring a labelled water bottle each day. Free fruit is provided for children but your child may want to bring their own healthy snack to school to eat during break.

We will be doing lots of our learning outside so please ensure your child has a coat and suitable footwear.

- ❖ **HMS Victory Trip – Thursday 26^h January 2023**
- ❖ **Y2 Production – Wednesday 8th February 2023 (pm) and Thursday 9th February 2023 (am)**

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, via the school office, if you have any questions or need support with your child's learning.

