

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful two week break. For those that celebrated Easter, we hope you had a lovely time and to all those that have celebrated Eid recently, Eid Mubarak!

This half term, we will be learning about castles, which will be an exciting topic! We will be focusing on why castles were important and understanding the differences in how people once lived.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support the children in their learning while at home. Every additional bit of help will have a positive impact on their progress.

English

We will begin our castles topic by writing our own poems using similes to describe castle jobs and the different parts of a castle. We will write some detailed descriptions of a dragon using lots of exciting vocabulary. We learn about the features of a recount and write our own recounts after our trip to Skipton Castle.

Reading

We strongly encourage you to read with your child every day or at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please practise the phonic sounds with your child, help them retrieve answers to questions and describe how characters are feeling; using the text to help them. Furthermore, discuss how they can make connections with the books that they are reading and other books that they have read or their own experiences. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record each time.

Maths

This half term, the children will continue learning about multiplication and division. They will begin to learn about measuring using standard measures, such as centimetres (cm), metres (m), grams (g), kilograms (kg), millilitres (ml) and litres (l). As well as this, the children will also learn to identify $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and amounts.

Science

This half term, the children will build on their prior knowledge of materials. They will identify, describe and compare different materials.

Homework

Remember, you can find out what your weekly homework is on Class Dojo each week. It will be:

- Reading every day or at least three times a week with their reading books or on Oxford Reading Buddy.
- Spellings on Spelling Shed to practise every week.
- Maths homework set on MyMaths on a Friday.

PE

Year 2 Rosa Parks- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 Sir David Attenborough- Monday and Wednesday

The children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Chromebooks

Please make sure your child's Chromebook is **charged every night** before they come to school. This is really important to ensure that they can access any learning that takes place whilst in school.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you so much for your support!

Year 2 team 😊

Important Dates:

- Eid parties Monday 15th April for the whole school
- Monday 6th May- school closed for Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May- last day before the May half term holidays

**You can help by:**

- Encourage your child to practise reading and spelling the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words and their spellings on **Spelling Shed**.
- Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition and subtraction facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school.