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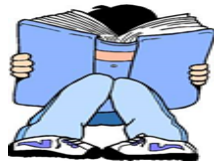
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## How can I help my child?

- It is vital that children bring their RWI and reading book in to school every day, as we are having a big push on reading this term.
- Home learning books should be brought into school each week.
- Try to read with your child as often as possible and discuss the text with them. Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and fun! Make it a special time together.



- Maths is everywhere! Use your everyday surroundings to encourage enthusiasm and confidence in this subject, for example: discussing the time, looking for different shapes and counting.
- Visits to the shops are a fantastic opportunity to develop a hands-on experience with money; adding the total cost of items and working out change are valuable skills to practise.

## Year 2 Spring Learning

Year 2 is a vital year in your child's education. This leaflet is designed to offer information about how you can help your child's learning at home.

We believe that in partnership we can:

- Develop reading and comprehension skills
- Encourage your child's speaking and listening
- Develop and consolidate key mental mathematic skills
- Provide opportunities for you to discuss topics with your children
- Encourage children to learn outside of the classroom



## English

Pupils will be reading and working with a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. They will be developing their use of impressive vocabulary, including adjectives and powerful verbs and experiment with using words for effect. They will be working on using a range of English skills to improve their writing e.g. tense, grammatically correct sentences and a range of punctuation and conjunctions.

Spelling and handwriting practise will be carried out to help pupils improve their handwriting and presentation. All children have been given a login for 'Spelling shed' this is a fun and interactive way for the children to practice spelling at home. Please try to practise these with your child on a regular basis. We are having a big focus on reading and are urging the children to read for pleasure as much as possible to help their understanding of language as well as their comprehension of text.

## Reading

As we approach the middle of year 2, one of our main focuses will be reading. As well as RWI, the children will be working on their speed, fluency and comprehension.

## Geography

The Year 2 Geography focus for this half term will be 'Food Around the World' giving the children the opportunity to discover where food comes from. This will be accompanied by a trip to Lower Drayton Farm, at the end of the term, more details to follow.

## Science

Our science topic is 'Squash, Bend, Twist and Stretch'. Within this topic we will be looking at manipulating materials and investigating into their properties.

## RE /PSHE

In RE we will be learning about special stories for Christians and Muslims. PSHE will focus on belonging to a community and fundamental British Values.

## Useful Websites:

- <https://twitter.com/grovepri>
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/)
- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- [www.EdShed.com](http://www.EdShed.com)

## Maths

Pupils will be continuing to work on calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through SMART Maths. In mental maths, the children will be working on improving their reasoning and problem solving skills. Pupils will also be learning about information in grids and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Times table knowledge is key and the 2's, 5's and 10 times tables will be embedded through all maths topics.

## Art

The topic for art this half term is 'Nature Art'. The Children will explore different techniques and use different techniques and materials from nature to create their artwork, as well as learning how to weave with natural materials.

## Don't Forget...

Key Reminders:



- ❖ PE is on Thursdays
- ❖ Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school each day.