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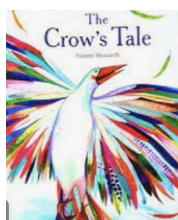


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Year 2 - Spring 2 Newsletter  
We hope you have had a great half term.  
A note on spellings, the children are secure on their alternative sounds so we will now be moving onto learning our Year 2 Common Exception Words. These words are words that do not always follow spelling rules and need to be learnt with plenty of practice.

Important Information  
A few reminders...  
Homework will be sent home on a Monday and must be in by the Friday of the same week. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 4 times a week in line with school policy. Please ask your child questions as they read to aid their comprehension and remember to sign their reading diary. If you need any question prompts, please do not hesitate to ask.  
Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.  
Children should attend in PE kits on a Thursday and Friday. This should be black trousers, blue top and blue jumper with appropriate trainers.  
Don't forget to check out the school website and Twitter for useful information and to see what we've been up to.

Writing Skills  
This half term the children will be writing three key pieces, starting with a narrative using The Crows Tale as a focus.  
We will then move on to writing a diary entry using The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams to find out what it would have really been like in London at that time. After that the children will use the book, This Is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe to write a letter focusing on how our lives can be different to those living around the world.



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### Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term, the children will complete their learning on length and height before moving on to a unit on mass, capacity and temperature, followed by a unit on fractions. We will also continue to work on developing the children's recall and fluency in the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

### RE

This half term we will continue our focus on 'being thankful' as we develop our knowledge of the key Jewish beliefs (including the Jewish place of worship). We will discuss the life of Moses and explore the Jewish festivals of Passover and Sukkot.

### Science

We will be developing our knowledge of electricity and how this works. The children will learn how to identify which appliances use electricity and where this is sourced. We will also make electrical circuits and learn about staying safe around electricity.

### PE

On a Thursday, the children are lucky to have our wonderful sports coach Miss Kier teach them how to play tennis and Mrs Garner will be teaching the children invasion games on a Friday. Please ensure the children are in kit for both days with earrings removed.

### Foundation Subjects

#### History:

The unit we will be studying this half term will provide the children with an introduction to the Tudor monarchs, with focus on Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.

#### Art:

Our topic title for this half term is Landscape and Symmetry. In this unit the children will be introduced to landscape painting and the effect of symmetry in art.

#### Computing:

This half term we will learn about word processing. The children will be given the opportunity to use the school laptops to learn how to type a poem in word and add images.

#### Music:

Our focus for this half term is Reggae we will be listening to some fantastic songs such as Kingston Town by UB40, Feel Like Jumping by Marcia Griffiths and I Can See Clearly Now by Jimmy Cliff. We will then discuss the songs and compare this to other genres whilst learning our own reggae song.

#### PSHE:

In PSHE the children will be discussing how to be healthy and also how to stay healthy.