



# Year 2 Spring term



Welcome back! We hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and had some well-earned time to rest and recharge.

## Maths

As Mathematicians in Year 2, Children will have a daily maths lesson that reinforces learning and allows children to take on new skills and apply these in a range of contexts. Our focus this term is multiplication. Children will also have four 10- 15 minutes Mastering Number sessions each week becoming secure within 10 and fluent in an appropriate strategy for working within 20.

## English

In English, children will continue to practise spelling, grammar, handwriting and punctuation while applying this knowledge in stories, information texts and poems. This first term we will be focusing on the text 'The Pirates Next Door' where children will have opportunities to continue to embed expanded noun phrases and conjunctions into their writing.

## Science

As Scientists, children will focus on 'Animals Including Humans.' Building on their prior learning, children will learn about how animals and humans grow, their basic needs for survival, and the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.



## Thematic

Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and wellbeing. Our first theme this term will be 'Land Ahoy'.

"Land Ahoy!" is a thematic unit, with a subject focus on science and geography. The science element is based around sound, speed and motion and begins by exploring how things move, linking with a pirate's journey around the continents and ocean. The unit concludes with an introduction to sound, focusing on sources of sound and the relationship between distance and volume. Threaded through is the theme of acting responsibly, with consideration for others.



## Thematic 2

Our second theme will be 'Dancing Spy'. "Dancing Spy" is a competency-based thematic unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Josephine Baker. She is famous for her performances on Broadway in New York, USA and across theatres in Europe, and was a key leader in the fight against segregation and racism. Children will learn, through her life story, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.

## PSHE

Our focus this term will be the topics: Belonging to a community, digital resilience, and money. Children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and opinions on these topics in a safe an open environment.

## PE



This term there will be a focus on games.

Children will be learning how to throw and catch using different apparatus continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure earrings are removed prior to PE lessons.

## Homework

Homework will alternate weekly between English and Maths and will always be linked to the learning covered in class. Please ensure that this is brought into school each Wednesday.

## RE

During the term, children will be learning about puzzles and mysteries in stories and life, exploring big questions, developing a sense of wonder and understanding that some questions do not always have clear answers.