# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026

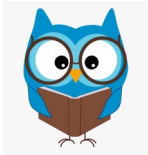
## English

This term we will begin our Talk for Writing with 'The Rainbow Fish' focusing on a character description and how characters change throughout a story. After this, we will explore how to write information texts linking more with non-fiction.

We will continue to work on regular handwriting lessons for formation and joining.

## Reading/Spelling

This term, the majority of children will continue with daily spelling lessons, working on spelling patterns, prefixes, suffixes and homophones. Those who require any additional support with reading will also have additional interventions. Little Wandle reading groups will run three times a week in school and then the book will be brought home to read, showing off their fluency and prosody skills. In addition to this we will be reading daily in school from our Year 2 recommended reads list and we will visit the school library every week, allowing children the opportunity to take a sharing book home.



Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about the areas that our children will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs N Wood

Yr 2 Teacher



## Homework

Every Friday children will bring home a list of spellings to practice and they will then be tested on those words the following Friday. These words will be linked to our phonics/spelling lessons and Year 2 tricky words.

A maths sheet will also be sent home linked to learning in school. Numbots can be accessed from home and children are encouraged to do this to develop their arithmetic skills.

## Maths

In maths we will be continuing to follow the White Rose scheme. We will begin the term with money. This covers pence, pounds, adding, subtracting and finding the correct change. We will then move on to multiplication and division where we will look at arithmetic and word problems involving x2,3,5 and 10.

The children will also be given the opportunity to access numbots to help support mental maths and improve fluency.



## Religious Education

In RE this term the topics are

Christianity and Judaism.

Children will find out how people worship and where they go to do this.

## PE

This term our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Wednesday will be outdoors (please bring warm clothing!) for tennis and Friday we will be indoors for dance.

Please check all correct kit is in a bag and brought to school for the week or left here until half term. Tape should be worn if earrings cannot be removed and hair should be tied back. Trainers need to be brought and everything should be named to avoid any losses!

## Science

In science this term we will be learning about life cycles and how humans and animals change as they grow up. After half term we will be revisiting materials with a focus on how to choose the right materials for specific purposes. The children will have the opportunity to make observations and carry out investigations and record results.



## Music

In music the children will continue to use the Charanga scheme. We will begin with the unit 'I want to play in a band'.



## Computing

In the first half of the term the children will be learning about programming animation. The children will use Scratch Jr to explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. They will also be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

In the second half of the term the children will look at collecting and grouping data to create tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. These will be maths based lessons.

## Geography

This term we will be looking at Where we Live. We will explore Beverley and the local area. We will then investigate the countries of the UK and the capital cities. Following on from this we will widen their knowledge and understanding of the word by focusing on continents, more specifically North and South America.



## PSHE

For PSHE we will continue to follow the Year 2 Jigsaw scheme.

Our first topic this term will be 'Dreams and Goals'. This will look at how we set goals, work to successfully achieve them and how it makes us feel.

After half term, we will move on to 'Healthy Me' which will look at how to keep our minds and bodies healthy and safe.'




## Art & DT

In art, we will be completing a painting unit based on the work of artists Claude Monet and Jackson Pollock.



# Subject Specific Vocabulary– Geography:

## Where we live & Where in the world

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| **equator** | A line through the centre of the earth that divides the northern and southern hemisphere. |
| **continent** | Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land . |
| **climate** | Weather conditions in different areas/countries over a period of time. |
| **Physical features** | Naturally occurring objects in the environment. E.g. volcanoes |
| **Human features** | Objects built by people. E.g. Houses |
| **Capital cities** | The main city within a country. |
| **Map** | A picture of places and routes. |




### Knowledge and Facts

- Beverley is a market town in England, UK.
- London is the capital city of England.
- The UK is made up of 4 countries, with their own capital cities.
- There are 7 continents: Asia, Africa, North & South America, Antarctica, Europe & Australasia.
- Countries closer to the equator are hotter.




### Exciting Linked Books

The Westwood Troll by Marion Gamble

Look inside our World (Usborne)

Around the World in 80 Days (Usborne)

First Big Book about the World (National Geographic Kids)