

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 / Spring 2



Welcome back to all of our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break and we look forward to working with you over the coming half term.



In art last half term, Year 2 pupils were learning about block printing. The children dip-dyed fabric before printing repeating patterns onto it using their own printing blocks.

Home Learning

In Year 2, pupils are expected to read their school 'Book Bag Book' at least x4 times per week at home for 10 minutes. Please record and sign their reading diary for them so they can earn their **'Read for a Star'** awards.

The school has also subscribed to the online maths apps **Numbots** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**. These can be downloaded to any touch screen device at home. Your child's usernames and passwords for both of these apps can be found in the front of their diaries. Pupils are encouraged to complete x4 10 minute maths sessions at home per week. Please record this in their diaries for them so they can earn their **'Marvellous Maths'** awards.

Key vocabulary

offspring	a person's children or to an animal's young
survival	continuing to live
hygiene	keeping yourself and your surroundings clean
passover	Passover or Pesach is a holiday or festival celebrated by Jewish people
collage	An artistic composition made of various materials (such as paper, cloth, or wood) glued on a surface
complementary colours	colours that sit across from each other on the colour wheel

Upcoming Dates

Monday 4th March - Book Week begins: Book Swap

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day 2024 - Dressing up

Friday 8th March - Read Aloud Day with year group buddies

Friday 15th March: 2pm - Miss Hunter's class show and share assembly

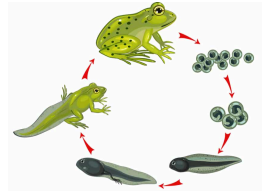
Friday 22th March - Snettisham Park Trip - **4pm return to school**

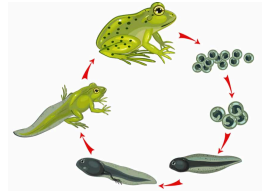
Wednesday 27th March - The Hobbit performance in school

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term

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<p>English</p>	<p>PE</p>	<p>Science</p>
<p>As writers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Learn to write a recount about our trip to Snettisham ★ Learn to write a narrative ★ Learn to develop editing skills, focusing on vocabulary ★ Begin to use grammar features such as apostrophes, commas in a list and subordinating conjunctions <p>As readers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Continue learning our ‘special friends’ using the Read Write Inc phonics programme ★ Apply our knowledge of phonics to read fluently ★ Learn to answer questions about what we have read ★ Learn to use evidence from our reading to support our answers 	<p>As athletes we will focus on creative skills by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Developing our ball skills and balance skills ★ Working cooperatively with a partner ★ Comparing and contrasting our movements 	<p>As scientists we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Learn about what animals and humans need to survive ★ Describe the importance of exercise and healthy eating ★ Match animals to their offspring
	<p>RE</p> <p>As theologians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Understand the importance of the Passover festival in Judaism 	<p>History and Geography</p> <p>As historians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Explore how collage style art has changed over time
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Music</p>	<p>PSHE/RHE</p>
<p>As mathematicians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Build a secure knowledge of our 2x 5x and 10x tables ★ Learn to double and halve ★ Recognise odd and even numbers ★ Understand how to divide into equal parts ★ Understand how to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a number or shape 	<p>As musicians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Learn to play a range of percussion instruments whilst exploring musical ‘pulse’ and rhythm 	<p>As young people we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Explore the importance of money, chores, needs and wants and their impact on family