

Overview of learning for spring 1 half term (Year 2)

This spring term our focus is on the continued recovery curriculum to support your child in making rapid and sustained progress in school. Following on from the impact of Covid-19, we have created this guide to highlight the essential skills that will be taught and how you can support your child at home to reinforce learning.

Subject area	Key skills we will be learning	Ideas to support at home
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far ★ Especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. ★ Answering questions about the text by building on their comprehension skills. ★ Develop fluency and expression when reading ★ Understand the meaning of words within a context. ★ Find and retrieve key words and phrases from a text ★ Identify punctuation within a text and understand its purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Oxford Owl online e-books. These are levelled in the colour bands so children can access books at their current level. This can be found here https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ ☺ Share books together and talk about the story, the characters, the setting and any interesting events. ☺ Read with your child at least 5 times a week to support their fluency and word understanding. ☺ Read the year 2 common exception words at speed. How quickly can you get through them all? Flashcards can be found here https://monsterphonics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Free-Year-2-Common-Exception-Word-Flashcards-unprotected.pdf and a wordmat here https://themumeducates.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/common-exception-words-mat.pdf
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Handwriting focus – consistency of size and shape ready for joining. ★ Use of capital letters of the correct size. ★ Writing narratives of familiar stories and personal experiences ★ Use noun phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Handwriting of the children’s spellings for the week and the English homework gives opportunity for writing sentences where handwriting can be a focus. ☺ Give the opportunity for writing personal experiences. ☺ Write cards, letters, notes and shopping lists to help practise letter formation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Use punctuation to correctly demark sentences, including capital letters, commas in lists, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. ★ Use prefixes and suffixes with the correct spelling patterns ★ Read their work back to edit and improve it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Fun English games involving spelling and punctuation can be found here https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd63xyc
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Column method for addition and subtraction, including exchanging ★ Times tables – 2, 5 10 and 3’s. Children will be learning how to apply their rolling numbers to solve multiplication problems. ★ Begin to learn the 4 times table ★ Solve simple problems through reasoning and problem solving activities with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. ★ Solving multiplications using arrays ★ Telling the time to the o’clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. ★ Money- recognising coins and notes to count money and calculate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ WhiteRose home learning videos which can be found here https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/ ☺ Practice your rolling numbers in 2, 5, 10 and 3s as you walk up and down the stairs ☺ Real life maths experiences and telling the time. ☺ BBC Supermovers – get active to learn and revise your times tables https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-collection/z6v4scw ☺ Practice your maths fluency with snappy maths http://www.snappymaths.com/ ☺ Use Numbots to develop your fluency and number fact recall.
Non-core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Geography– Weather and seasons, continents and oceans of the world ★ Science – animals and their offspring ★ Art - sketching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Talk about different weather patterns ☺ Talk about the different countries of the UK and the wider world. What continent are they on? ☺ Widen your knowledge of different categories of animals e.g reptiles, birds, amphibians, vertebrates ☺ Talk about different life-cycles of animals and humans and discuss the changes that take place.