

# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER—SPRING 2

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Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to the next half term where we should hopefully see the first signs of Spring.

We begin this half term with our new topic 'Gardeners' World'.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for Spring 2.

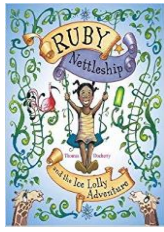
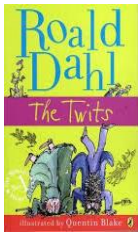
Although it is another reasonably short half term, we will certainly be fitting in lots of new learning.



## THEME AND BIG QUESTION

### Gardener's World

How do plants grow?



## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS... FORGIVENESS



## KEY DATES



- Stay and Create** – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Galley Poetry Competition** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- World Book Day** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Parents' Evening** – Tues/Wed 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Church Service** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Training Day** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days, and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too!



**Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day and filled with water only.**

## MATHS



We will start our new maths topic of multiplication and division.

The topic includes equal groups, multiplication sentences and arrays.

We also look at doubling and halving, then odd and even numbers.

We then move on to the 2 times table and dividing by 2, repeating the activities for the 10 times table and the 5 times table.



## ENGLISH



The children will continue to develop the use of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions in their writing. We will be discovering what **The Twits** get up to and writing a missing person report. We will be using the book **Ruby Nettle and the Ice Lolly Adventure** as inspiration for our own stories. The children will begin to write using cursive letters and as always, will be using their neatest handwriting.

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say it	sound it out	write it	capital letters	finger spaces	full stops

## COMPUTING

The children will be exploring the 'effective searching' unit on Purple Mash. They look at understanding and searching the internet and will create a leaflet to help someone know how to search on the internet.



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## SCIENCE



### How do plants grow?

In science we will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also be finding out and describing how plants need water, light and warmth to grow and stay healthy.



## RE



### Easter

#### Why is Easter important to Christians?

The children will learn about the different parts of the Easter story, along with symbols and foods that we associate with Easter, and what they mean. We also look at how Christians celebrate Easter through church services.

## PSHE



### Keeping safe and managing risk – Indoors and outdoors

The children will learn about things that can be dangerous both indoors and outdoors, and how we can do things to keep ourselves safe in the home, and when we are out in the community .

## DT



### Cooking and Nutrition: Healthy wraps

The children will learn about food groups, balanced meals and preparing ingredients. They will also taste test healthy ingredients, plan a recipe and then create and evaluate their own fruit and vegetable wrap.

## PE



### PE days for both classes – Monday and Thursday

- There will be two PE lessons per week so please ensure PE kits are in for those days and are fully named.
- This half term we will be focusing on ball skills (hands) and skipping skills.



## MUSIC

### Reggae – Zootime

Through Charanga lessons, the children will be listening to and giving their opinions on a song called Zootime. They will learn the song and sing it to a small audience. They will also be exposed to popular reggae songs such as Kingston Town by UB40, Shine by Aswad and I can see clearly now by Jimmy Cliff. They will listen to the songs, sing along and discuss their favourites, explaining what they like/don't like about each song.

## HOME LEARNING



- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child every day, for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**

There will be a balance of English, maths and theme work throughout the year.

## COMMUNICATION



- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly for important updates and letters.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y2 and school.



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