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Monday 6th January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

#### Re: Year 2 Spring Term Curriculum Update

Firstly, welcome back and we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break.

Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas which we will be focusing upon in Year 2 throughout the spring term.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Core Subjects	
English	<ul><li>We will be learning about:</li><li>Writing sentences in different forms.</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>We will also be focusing upon:</li> <li>Use subordination (apply because, introduce when)</li> <li>Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently (some progressive)</li> <li>Read aloud with intonation</li> <li>Use punctuation correctly - exclamation</li> </ul> Throughout this term, we will be looking at different texts including: 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. Plus, texts linked to our wider curriculum subjects to promote discussion and reading for pleasure. The children will have daily phonics and spelling lessons and will also be learning to read and spell 'High Frequency Words' and 'Common Exception Words'. Through Guided Reading sessions, whole class reading, and individual reading, the children will be taught the skills of fluent reading, discussion of texts, and how to take information from their reading to answer questions. Our focus texts this term will be: 'The Dragonsitter' by Josh Lacey.

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Maths	<ul> <li>This term, we will be covering the following areas:</li> <li>Number</li> <li>Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>Money</li> <li>Multiplication and Division</li> <li>3D Shapes</li> </ul> Lessons will also give children the opportunities to use and apply their knowledge and understanding through Problem Solving.
Science	<ul> <li>Our topic in the first half term will be 'Squash, Bend, Twist and Stretch'.</li> <li>During this, lessons will allow the children to: <ul> <li>To sort materials into natural and manufactured materials.</li> <li>To recognise that some materials can be changed by adding a force.</li> <li>To investigate bending, twisting, squashing and stretching everyday materials. (adding forces)</li> <li>To sort materials by whether they can be changed by adding a force.</li> <li>To investigate whether changes to materials are permanent or temporary.</li> <li>To know that materials can be changed by heating and cooling.</li> <li>To recognise solids and liquids.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RE	<ul> <li>In the first part of the spring term we will focus on 'What Jews Believe'.</li> <li>Through this the children will: <ul> <li>Learn what the Torah is.</li> <li>Discuss the importance of the Torah.</li> <li>Explain what the covenant means to Jewish people.</li> <li>Compare holy texts.</li> <li>Investigate and discuss Shabbat.</li> <li>Explore and describe Jewish celebrations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### Wider Curriculum subjects

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Geography	<ul> <li>This term, the children will learn about 'Our Wonderful World' As part of this, they will:</li> <li>Name and locate countries in the UK.</li> <li>Recognise human and physical features of their local area.</li> <li>To use maps and atlas' to locate Mount Everest.</li> <li>Identify major rivers.</li> <li>Discuss ancient and modern wonders of the world.</li> </ul>
Computing	<ul> <li>Our focus will be 'Coding'. Through this the children will learn:</li> <li>How to combine start and click events.</li> <li>To write code that makes an object move.</li> <li>To make objects perform different actions.</li> <li>To write code to make an object change direction.</li> <li>To write code where different inputs can be used.</li> </ul>
Design and Technology	In Design and Technology, the children will be looking at Structures. Within this, they will focus upon freestanding structures and bridges. After looking at features and purposes of bridges, they will also learn about strengthening, joining and how to construct their own versions of bridges.
PE	PE will be taught Tuesday by ASM and on Friday by Mr Day. This term, we will be focussing on sending and receiving a ball.
Music	Mrs Whiteley will continue to teach Music to our children on Tuesday mornings.

Our P.E. days this term are Tuesday and Friday. As you will be aware, we are unable to remove any earrings, so, if your child is unable to remove their own, please take them out before they come to school.

The children will receive a piece of homework on Wednesdays, and this should be returned to school by following Tuesday.

Your child will bring home a school reading book. If the children are reading the Read, Write Inc. Book Bag phonic books, we ask that the book is read three times before it is brought into school to be changed. This is to help to develop the children's fluency and reading speed. As they move on to the TMPF reading levels, the children should read the book once before it is changed.

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The class will be led by myself Monday to Thursday, and Mr Day on Friday.

Thank you once again for your support and, should you require any other information, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Miss C Buxton Year 2 Class Teacher

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