

Year 2: Summer 2 Curriculum

English

In English, we will be reading various versions **The Enormous Turnip** and the children will be writing a persuasive letter as well as a retell of the story.

As we come towards the end of Year Two, it is vital that with every piece of writing the children produce, their **spelling, handwriting, sentence structure and overall content** continues to improve. Writing must be coherent and have an audience and purpose in mind. Children must now have the **independence to read their own work** and make corrections and improvements.

Handwriting has improved a lot in English but we need to see the same high standard across the curriculum and in all other books. Please remind your child about sitting/holding the pencil correctly and using their helping hand to steady the paper when they write at home. It really does make a difference.

Maths

Maths lessons this half term will be very busy with children learning about:

Time; Statistics; Position and Direction.

As well as these units, we will be recapping key concepts and facts from earlier units such as place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and dividing, shape maths problems). This will help consolidate learning and support any earlier misconceptions that the children may have had earlier in the year as well as preparing them for KS1 assessments in a few weeks.



Science

Year Two have already examined and made some predictions about growing some beans in different conditions. They now need to observe the growth of the beans and record their findings each week.



RE

In RE we will be asking **What makes some places sacred to believers?** We will look at different faiths and the places they go to worship.

Personal Development — SMSC

Personal development this half term will focus on **water safety, debate, careers, feelings and resilience.** As always, we will adapt our curriculum in personal development depending on the news around us and needs of the children in Year Two.

Topic (Geography)

Children have researched Captain James Cook and located Australia on the map. They have compared weather and even done their own weather forecasts! This half term, they will continue learning about the physical and human geography of places in Australia and compare cultural differences between the life of an Australian child with their own. Aspects of it with the North East.



PE

Monday and Wednesday are PE days in Year Two. On Monday, we have had a dance coach in teaching a group routine to Uptown Funk. They have REALLY enjoyed themselves. Wednesdays will continue to be a skills-based lesson with Mrs Davies—as well as preparing for our sports day.

If you need a reminder: PE kit consists of: black tracksuit/leggings/joggers/shorts, black hoodie or jumper for colder months, plain blue t-shirt, trainers (preferably waterproof ones that children can fasten).

Music

This half term is a very musical one. In our lessons we will be learning to group beats in bar and identify rhythms but in addition to this, Year Two have been learning a very special set of songs which means they can go to an event at The Sunderland Empire. Sunderland Sings takes place in June and all of Year Two will go along and join in the celebration of music with other Sunderland schools and a band from Sunderland Music Hub. There is no cost for this and you will receive information separately.

Art

Children will use maps as a stimulus for crafts and design activities such as felt-making, printing, abstract stained glass pictures and drawing.



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Key dates

Last Reading booster—**Wednesday 12th June**

Year Two assessment week —**WB Monday 17th June**—attendance is really important this week.

Sunderland Sings—Y2 at Sunderland Empire (within school time) - **Wednesday 19th June.**

Sports day—**Friday 28th June**

Meet your new teacher (transition)—**Tuesday 9th July**

Reports home—**Friday 12th July**

Parents' evening—**Monday 15th July**

Please keep an eye open for other dates as this half term is a very busy one!

Ways to help your child.

Reading: Thank you to those parents who continue to read with their child and ensure reading books come in to school everyday. It really makes a huge difference to their overall progress when children read regularly and enjoy other books at home for pleasure.

Spellings: Spelling lists won't be coming home this half term as the children prepare for assessment week and have extra tasks sent home for that (blue Special Agent Training Books). However, if you wish to support your child with spelling, you can pick words from the lists at the front of reading logs and ask your child to write these words in sentences independently.

Maths: Please talk to your child about telling the time using an **analogue clock**. It makes an enormous difference to their understanding of new concepts such as time, when they have already had experiences of minutes and hours at home. By the end of Year Two, there is an expectation that children can read o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to using an **analogue clock**. It would also be helpful to ask your child about Numbersense strategies to see what they can remember.

Other homework: Home will focus on basic skills such as grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as maths skills. The children love playing Numbots and it has made a real difference to confidence levels and recall of number facts. All children should have log ins.

1-Minute Maths from White Rose is also a great free app which supports the curriculum that we teach in our school.

Some children have also had phonics videos sent home via dojo. Please let me know if you have finished with them and I will send a new set.