

Dear parents/carers, please find below a snapshot of the curriculum that your child will be covering over the coming weeks. During this half term, the Year 2 children will be completing their SATS, therefore, it is very important that your child is attending school every day.

English – Children will use the text Gorilla by Anthony Browne and the videos of “Bubbles” and “The Book of Butterflies” to write their own narratives. Children are working on extending their sentences, using conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs. They are also thinking about word choice and effective vocabulary.

In addition, the children are continuing to do daily phonics/reading sessions.

Please support your child by listening to them read regularly at home, please ensure that you sign the reading diary so we can see how many times a week they are reading. Children need to be reading 4 times a week to enable them to be able to achieve a shining star award.

If your child is in Mrs Shepherd’s reading group, children will bring home a reading challenge to be completed and returned on a Friday. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday to practice at home and a spelling challenge will take place on a Friday.

Maths – We are currently working on fractions – half, quarter and third. The children need to find fractions of shapes and numbers. They also need to solve problems with fractions, for example

Who has more? Explain why.



Rosie

I have  $\frac{1}{4}$  of £8



Whitney

I have  $\frac{1}{2}$  of £6

I am thinking of a number.  
Half of my number is more than 10 but less than 15.  
What could my number be?

[Finding halves, quarters and thirds of quantities \(snappymaths.com\)](http://snappymaths.com)

Later this half term we will be learning about length and weight and also position and movement.

In addition, children are also doing regular work on their 2, 5, 10 times tables. Please continue to use TTRockstars to support your child in learning their tables.

We are also learning how to tell the time, focusing on o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. It would be great if you could support your child on learning how to tell the time at home.

[Match the Times - 5-11 year olds - Topmarks](#)

[Telling the Time in Words - Mathsframe](#)

Science – Our topic is Plants and through investigations we will be finding out that plants need different amounts of sun, water and space to grow well.

[Plants - Year 1-2 / P2-3 - Science Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

Geography –We will be locating Australia on a map. We will find out about a town called Wagga Wagga in Australia and think about how it is similar and different to Stockton.

RE –This term will we find out about Judaism and the Jewish holy book the Torah. We will learn about Abraham and Moses who are significant in the history of Judaism but whose stories also appear in the Bible and the Qur'an.

PSHE – The theme is term is relationships, we will be thinking about families and that all families are different. Pupils will discuss and show that they recognise and appreciate people who can help them in their family, school and community.

Music – Using the song "Friendship," children will learn about rhythm and pulse in music. Children will use glockenspiels and perform to others.

Computing – Using the program Purple Mash we will be focussing on spreadsheets. We will add images to a spreadsheet and give them a value, then use the tools to automatically total rows and columns. We will then move onto using a spreadsheet to calculate how much they need to pay and to create data.

PE – This half term we are focusing on athletics, children will practise the skills of running, jumping and throwing.

PE is on a Monday and a Wednesday – children should come to school in their PE kit. Earrings should be removed.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to their teacher.

Kind regards,

Y2 Team