



# YEAR 2



## Spring 2 Newsletter

### English

During our English lessons we will focus on a range of texts.

We are starting this half term with the traditional tale—Hansel and Gretel. The children will be listening to different versions of the story and writing a retell of the story. They will also write an alternative ending to the story.

We will continue to enhance children's understanding of the need to verbalise sentence structure as well as the need to record this accurately. They will continue to edit and improve their own work, checking for correct use of punctuation and spellings. The focus for this half term will be to correctly use conjunctions to extend their sentences. (and, but, because, so).

### Reading



In guided reading, the children will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will be developing their understanding of the text by working on the following skills: retrieval and inference questions, vocabulary, prediction and sequencing.

Please continue to support your child at home with their home reading books.

### Science

During Spring 2, our learning will focus on plants. They will learn how to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants; and find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

They will design an experiment to find out what a plant needs to grow.



### Home Learning

- 5—10 minutes daily reading (comments recorded in reading diary).
- Spelling Shed (This is checked weekly and shared with the children so they can collect their points).
- Maths homework (Handed in by Friday to be marked and returned).

### Maths

We will be following the Power maths programme which challenges and stretches children's thinking and skills in mathematics. The units we will cover in the Spring term include:

- Length and Height
- Mass, capacity and Temperature



### During the afternoon sessions children will be taught:

Geography—Why is our world wonderful?

D/T— Food: A balanced diet

Computing - Sequencing simple algorithms and programs

RE— Christianity

JIGSAW - Healthy Me

Music— Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs (Space theme)



PE will be every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday (Please check that your child's PE kit as been sent into school)**

During Spring 2, children will work on their creative skills. They will develop and apply their ball skills and counter balance with a partner through focussed skill development and competitive games.

### Useful websites to explore:

Numbots: <https://numbots.com/>  
Education City [www.educationcity.com/](http://www.educationcity.com/)  
Phonics Bloom: <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>  
PhonicsPlay: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
Topmarks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>