



Stanburn Primary School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2024—Second half



Key Events:

Half Term: Monday 12th– Friday 16th February

PTA Bag2School: Thursday 22nd February

2-Mango Class Assembly: Monday 4th March (9am start)

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

2-Apricot Class Assembly: Friday 8th March (9am start)

British Science Week: Monday 11th– Friday 15th March

2-Tangerine Class Assembly: Tuesday 12th March (9am start)

2-Coral Class Assembly: Friday 15th March (9am start)

Parent's Evenings: Tuesday 19th March

Parent's Evenings: Thursday 21st March

End of Term: Thursday 28th March (1:30pm)

School Reopens: Monday 15th April

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to Spring 2's curriculum newsletter. This will provide you with information about what your child will be learning during the second half of the Spring term.

The school target for attendance is 97%.

The current attendance for Year Two is 94.3%

Year 2

History

In History the children will be learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. They will look at the significant achievements of these three individuals and how they changed modern medicine today. The children will have ample opportunities to conduct their own research and will put together a chronology of their lives. This will help them understand how one event led onto the other. The children will finish the topic with a written report.



Art

The Art theme for this half term is closely linked to our history learning. The children will explore different types of portraits and discuss where they would expect to see one outside of the school. After looking at portraits of Florence Nightingale, they will use them as inspiration to create their own portraits using a range of media and materials. We will encourage the children to experiment with different types of lines and colour tones when creating their own portrait.



Science

This half term, the children will be learning about animals, including humans. They will be learning that animals and humans both have offspring which grow into adults. The children will learn about our basic needs and what we need in order to survive. We will discuss and learn the importance of exercise for our bodies and why we must eat the right amount of different foods in a balanced diet. The children will create their own diet wheels to demonstrate their understanding of healthy and unhealthy foods.



How you can support your child at home:

- Read 10-15 minutes daily!
- Focus on comprehension, does your child understand what they are reading?
- Support your child answering comprehension based questions in both verbal and written forms
- Ask your child what they need help with at home!
- Practise your child's spellings
- Work on your child's handwriting. Can they join letters neatly on the line?
- Complete home learning each week
- Find out more about [Florence Nightingale](#), [Edith Cavell](#) and [Mary Seacole](#)
- Discover what a minibeast is and how animals grow [here](#)



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This half term the children will be reading the books 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Lonely Beast'. We will be improving our ability to make inferences and demonstrating a clear understanding of a text. The children will be learning how to use a possessive apostrophe and use expanded noun phrases in their own writing. The children will be writing a book review and we will focus on using a range of conjunctions to help extend our sentences. They will finish the half term by writing their own fantasy adventure story using the skills and knowledge they have learned over the half term.

PSHE (including RHE)

The theme for this half term is 'Healthy Me'. The children will identify and prepare snacks that are healthy. They will discuss and explain why their choices are good for their body and compare their own and their friends' choices. They will talk about how it feels to make and share healthy food together.



RE

This half term the question the children will be considering is 'How can we show we care?' To explore this idea, the children will be looking at the Humanist view point on the subject. They will find out about famous individuals such as Marie Curie and Martin Luther King and learn about their impact on society today.



Maths

This half term the children will conclude their learning on multiplication and division by doubling, halving and investigating odd or even numbers. We will move onto measuring the length and height of different objects in both centimetres and metres. The children will also measure the weight of objects in both grams and kilograms before looking at the capacity of a variety of containers. The children will measure in litres and millilitres during fun practical activities involving water.

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning how to search effectively and safely using child friendly search engines. The children will learn what a search engine is and why it is used by many all over the world each day. The children will learn how to use a search engine, where to type in their query and how to understand the pages of results.



Indoor PE:

This half term, the children will continue working on their gymnastic skills. They will develop their body management through a variety of floor exercises and will use their core strength to link gymnastic actions together.

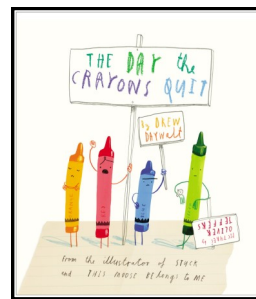
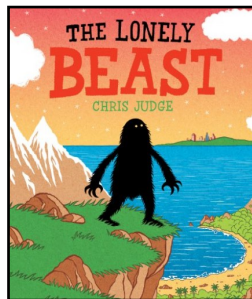
Outdoor PE:

This half term, the children will explore ways to score runs or points through a variety of hitting, catching and running games. They will work in teams to field and will begin taking on the role of a wicketkeeper or backstop.



WEEKLY SCHEDULES

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
2 Mango	Thursday	Friday
2 Tangerine	Thursday	Friday
2 Coral	Monday	Thursday
2 Apricot	Monday	Thursday



Music

In music, the children will be combining sounds to create different musical effects. They will understand how music is used in storytelling to create suspense or excitement and will attempt to recreate this themselves using a variety of musical instruments. The children will also continue with their recorder lessons on Thursday mornings.

