



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 1 – 2025/2026



### Phonics/Reading

In Mrs Steel's and Miss Maidment's phonics lessons, the children are working on reading split diagraphs in words, such as make, rope, flute. The children are building up their fluency so they can read more words by sight and with increased speed. Please read everyday at home to support your child.

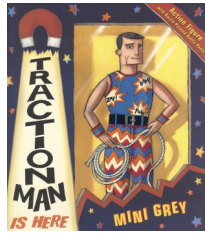
In whole class reading sessions with Mr Ward, children will learn to read a text in detail, understand the vocabulary and answer questions through a combination of guided practice and independent working.

### Key Dates

Tuesday 27th - Addition Family Learning  
Thursday 12th February - Valentines Disco  
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February - Parent's Evening

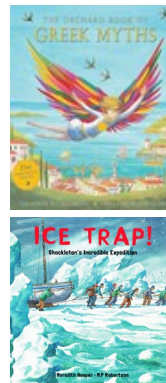
### Writing

This term the children will explore the story 'Traction Man'. The children start each story by learning the text, adding actions to help them remember it off by heart. They will then continue to develop the children's understanding of adjectives, adverbs, nouns. Once we have explored the text the children enjoy using the story as a model to plan and write their own story.



### Whole Class

#### Reading



### Class Read



### Maths

This term, the children will learn to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p). They will also combine and find different combinations of coins equalling the same amounts. Using this knowledge, the children will then solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change. The children will begin the multiplication and division unit by recognising equal groups.



### Suggested Books for Reading



## Science

This half term, we be learning how we can conserve energy at home and school. This will focus on our research skills and we will complete a long term study throughout the term into electricity usage within the school. We will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how we can conserve materials.



## Geography

This term in Geography, the children will begin to answer the question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?' The children will learn to locate Antarctica and identify its seasons and climate. They will then begin to learn the different plants and animals that can be found in Antarctica. To finish our unit of learning, the children will learn about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica.



## Art

In Art , we are focussing on the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. We will learn about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and apply this knowledge to create a colour wheel. We will be focussing on developing blending techniques and texture and finally applying all of this knowledge to create our own painting in the style of Kandinsky.



## PE

In this unit, the children will develop and apply their dynamic balance on a line and stance through focused skill development sessions, cooperative and competitive games.

By the end the children will be able to work with another child and perform their skills in a pair. They will be able to balance on one foot and learn to keep their weight on the balls of their feet.



## RE

In Religious education the children will be exploring Sikhism. They will start the term thinking about someone who is special to them. Then they will look at special people within Sikhism. They will explore the story of Guru Nanak. The children will learn about why he is special to Sikhs and what the 3 things are the Sikhs believe about God.



## Music

In this unit, the children will explore a song called 'Once a Man Fell in a Well'. They will begin by learning to understand pitch and how a change in pitch creates a tune. Children will explore pitch patterns and begin to sing them and move onto playing different patterns using a glockenspiel. They will also learn how to write basic musical notation on a three-line stave.



## What you can do to help at home?

Please hear your child read daily, the more they read the easier they find all areas of their learning.

Timetables and counting patterns; by the end of Year 2 your child should be able to recall 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. Please use timetables rockstars to practise (same password as numbots). All login details are in the children's reading record.

## PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. They will look at things they find hard and understand the importance of persevering.

The children will share their dreams and hopes for the future and think about what they will need to do in order to achieve them.

