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Dear Year 2 parents/carers,

## Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Spring (1<sup>st</sup> half)

### Message from the teachers

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a fabulous festive break and welcome you all back to school.

This letter will briefly outline some of the lessons that year 2 will have fun exploring through the first half term of the spring term.

### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

### Year 2 Staffing

Elder class teacher: Miss Faghiri

Birch class teacher: Miss Wilcox

Year 2 learning support assistants: Mrs Warne and Mrs Childs

### Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

[Elderclass@harefieldinfant.com](mailto:Elderclass@harefieldinfant.com)

[Birchclass@harefieldinfant.com](mailto:Birchclass@harefieldinfant.com)

### Homework

Each child receives a printed copy of the homework every **Friday**. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following **Friday**.

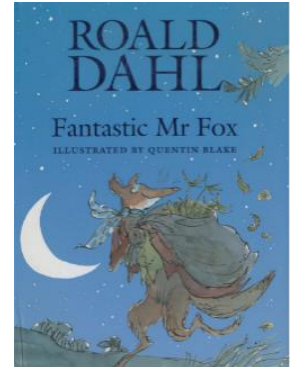
We use the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every **Monday** your child will be given a phonics or reading book linked to the sounds they have been learning in class to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on **Friday** of the same week.

## Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

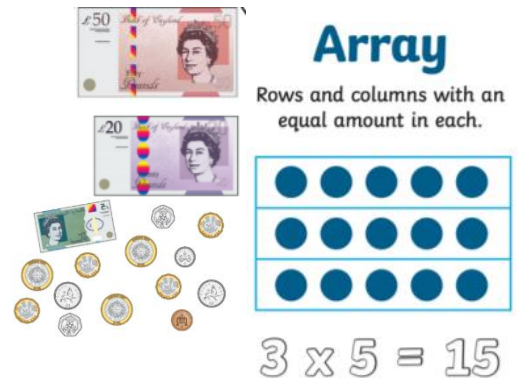
### English

Year 2 will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and use this to create their own 'Rags To Riches Tale' where they will create a character who happens to be poor but becomes rich. Later this half term, they will use the same text to write a recount.



### Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 2 will look at money, multiplication and division. They will learn to count money in pence and pounds. Children will build on the learning from earlier in the block, choosing notes and coins to make a given amount. Children will also explore different ways of making the same amount. Children learn multiplication using equal groups and arrays and learn to divide by sharing into equal groups. Children will learn to understand that multiplication and division are the opposite of each other.



In year, 2 children need to know their 2, 5, and 10 times tables confidently. Please try and practice these regularly at home with our child.

### Science

Year 2 will be focusing on "Materials" this half term. The children will be comparing the properties of different materials and considering why certain materials are used over others.

### History

The Year 2 History unit this term is called 'Holidays'. In this unit, the children will learn about holidays in 1950s and 1960s, particularly seaside holidays. They will look at how, and why, holidays have changed over the past years. They will look at the development of transport and how initially developed seaside holidays through car ownership and improved rail links. They will also begin to consider the use of story as a source of evidence.



### Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, the focus will be on textiles. The children will learn to sew a running stitch with regular-sized stitches. They will use a template to design and make their very own pouch at the end of the unit, using the skills that they will have learned over the course of the unit.



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### **Physical Education**

Outdoor P.E. will be taking place in Year 2 for both classes on **Mondays**. **Elder** class children will also have an Indoor PE lesson on **Thursdays**. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. The outdoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Skip to the Beat', where the children will learn to skip with control and balance. The indoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Groovy Gymnastics' where the children will learn to perform balances and movements, and combine them into a routine.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will be taking place each **Thursday** afternoon for **Birch Class** this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

### **Religious Education**

Year 2 will be learning about 'Rules and Routines' in R.E. this term. This unit will teach children about why we have rules and routines and how they help us in our everyday lives. Children then go on to learn about rules and routines from the viewpoint of different religions. Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. Towards the end of the unit, children are introduced to humanism and the beliefs of humanists.

### **Music**

Our specialist music teacher, Mr Lynch, will be in school every Tuesday to teach Year 2 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the Djembe drums.

### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education**

Through the P.S.H.E unit 'Dreams and Goals' children will consider their dreams and goals. Children will learn how to stay motivated when doing something challenging. Children will have the opportunities to work with a partner or in a group to help each other achieve their dreams and goals.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Faghiri and Miss Wilcox  
Year 2 teachers