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Dear Year 2 parents/carers,

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Spring (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

We hope you all have a fun and relaxing half term. This letter will briefly outline some of the lessons that year 2 will have fun exploring through the second half 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

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Homework

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

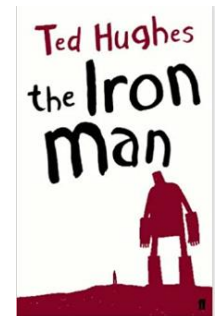
We use the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every **Monday** your child will be given a phonics or reading book linked to the sounds they have been learning in class to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on **Friday** of the same week.

Spring Term Learning

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

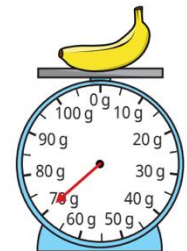
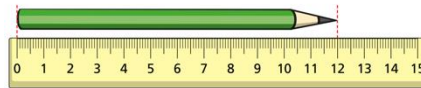
English

Year 2 will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. They will begin with writing a meeting tale where their character will go somewhere and meet a made up character unexpectedly. Following that the children will write an explanation text around 'The Iron Man'.



Mathematics

In Maths next half term, Year 2 will look at measurement. First, they will look at measuring in centimetres and metres with a ruler, comparing lengths using vocabulary such as, "longer than", "shorter than" and ordering length with new vocabulary such as, "shortest", "longest" and "tallest". We will then move on to measuring mass, capacity and temperature.



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

Science

Year 2 will be continuing to look at "Materials" next half term in Science. The children will be introduced to different ways of changing the shapes of objects made from different materials. They will identify materials that can be changed by the actions of squashing, bending, twisting and stretching, and link these actions with the properties of the materials that allow them to be changed.

Properties of Materials

<p>hard</p> <p>not easily broken or pierced</p>  <p>A hard diamond.</p>	<p>squashy</p> <p>easily crushed or squeezed</p>  <p>The play dough is squashy.</p>	<p>smooth</p> <p>an even and regular surface</p>  <p>Some smooth pebbles.</p>
<p>absorbent</p> <p>able to soak up liquid</p>  <p>The sponge is absorbent.</p>	<p>bumpy</p> <p>uneven, raised patches</p>  <p>This shell is bumpy.</p>	<p>opaque</p> <p>cannot be seen through</p>  <p>She is hidden by the opaque screen.</p>
<p>dull</p> <p>lacking shine or brightness</p>  <p>The moth's wings are dull.</p>	<p>brittle</p> <p>hard, but may break easily</p>  <p>The glass is brittle.</p>	<p>translucent</p> <p>allowing some light to pass through</p>  <p>The screen is translucent.</p>

Geography

The Year 2 Geography unit next half term is called 'Journeys - Food'. This unit links the everyday experience of buying and eating food within the UK with the children's growing geographical understanding of the world. The children will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human geography of their local shops, and physical geography through studying nearby food growing or production. They will use locational and directional language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map.





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.

Physical Education

Outdoor P.E. will be taking place in Year 2 for both classes on **Mondays**. **Birch** 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 'Bat and Ball', where the children develop their skills using a tennis racket and a cricket bat. They will learn how to hold each one correctly and will develop their striking skills from hitting a stationary ball to one that has been thrown or rolled by a partner. The indoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Dance: Plants' where the children will explore movements based on working in the garden, different types of seeds and how plants grow.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each **Thursday** afternoon for **Elder 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 'Beginnings and Endings' in R.E. this term. They will explore how beginnings and endings are marked in special ways in different religions and their own lives. They will explore religious rituals for the beginning of a child's life and a believer's journey of faith, as well as finding out how Sikhs celebrate the end of one year and beginning of a new year. Children will also explore the Christian story of Easter and make links with the idea of new life.

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 'Healthy Me' the children will explore how to be motivated to make healthy lifestyle choices. They will learn to feel positive about caring for their body's and keeping them healthy.

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