

# Year 2

## Spring Term 1



### English

In English this half term, Year 2 will be exploring two genres of writing through *The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward. Firstly, we will be learning how to write a finding narrative as children describe discovering their own creature. Through their writing, they will continue to focus on using correct punctuation and ambitious vocabulary. Secondly, we will be learning about instruction writing and how to build a habitat for our creature.

**We are reading...**

*The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward.

Each half term, we explore five picture books based on different themes. This half term, our Favourite Five are:

1. Hansel and Gretel
2. Burglar Bill
3. The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark
4. The Smartest Giant in Town
5. The Book with no Pictures

### Maths

Throughout this half term, children will be exploring three different chapters in their Maths lessons. We will start with mass and use both grams and kilograms to measure objects. Then, we will use this knowledge to compare masses. Next, we will move onto learning about temperature and then pictograms.

### Science

Spring term in Year 2 gives children the opportunity to explore materials and their properties with a focus on suitability of different materials for a given purpose. This will give us opportunities to complete various experiments. Alongside this, children will be given a science project to complete at home and then share with the class.

### Key Dates

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January- Year 2 open classroom

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January- National Storytelling Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February- Parents' Evening

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Finish for half-term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February- School opens for Spring term 2



## History

This half term, we are delving into History with Changes in Britain-Victorian History. Children will learn about Queen Victoria and her significance as a monarch. They will learn about what life was like as a child and how key changes, like the Education Law, ensured young people had better treatment and more opportunities. Lastly, we will explore key advancements in science and technology, such as the invention of the light bulb.

## Art

Our Art Unit this half term explores the work of William Morris and the technique of printing. Children will be learning about what inspired William Morris, how his work was revolutionary in the Victorian period and how we can replicate the same technique today. Children will work their way through the art journey until they have designed and created their final Art piece.

## Music

In Music this half term, children will focus on exploring feelings through music. This involves investigating how music can be used to help tell a story and express feelings for a given purpose. Children will have a go at producing their own musical story with connections being made to our learning during our unit of Dance in PE.

## PSHE

Children will be learning about *Dreams and Goals* through our Jigsaw PSHE scheme. This focuses on exploring what success looks like and how we can accomplish our dreams and goals.

## Computing

Through our Purple Mash scheme, this half term Year 2 we will be learning about spreadsheets. They will start by reviewing the use of spreadsheets and progress onto learning key skills such as copying, cutting and pasting totals. Next, they will look at how to use a spreadsheet to add amounts and how they can use this to create an efficient table.

## PE

Our PE sessions this half term will be on Tuesday and Friday. During our Tuesday sessions, we will be working on developing our tactics of attacking and defending and aim during our target games unit. In our Friday sessions, children will be exploring the purpose of music and movement in their Dance unit. We will look at building patterns and shapes to tell a story.