

# Year 2 Spring 1 Curriculum letter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents / guardians,

Happy New Year! Thank you for all your good wishes for the Christmas break. We hope that you and your families had a lovely holiday.



This half term our topic is called 'Journey into the unknown', where we focus our topic on a variety of books and stories that go on adventures, including our theatre performance of Aladdin.

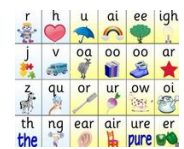
## English

This half term the children will be learning to write stories, characters descriptions and settings. We will be focusing on developing the children's descriptive language and using commas between adjectives. They will build up to writing their own story.



## Phonics

In Phonics the children will be learning about the present and past tense (e.g. just add -ed walk - walked, doubling the consonant skip - skipped, irregular past tense verbs run - ran). They will learn about the different spelling principles and apply this in their writing. The children will also continue to learn more words which cannot be phonetically decoded. The spellings have been uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these during the course of the half term. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences. If there are still words from the Autumn list your child cannot spell, please practise these spelling principles too. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to practise these words at home. Remember you can practice these words in lots of fun ways, e.g. with water, paint, chalk, felt tip pens.



## Reading

Please continue to read with your child daily with the book in their book bag. Please remember to read the same book a few times throughout the week to build confidence and fluency. Remember you can continue to use Rising Stars and there are fun quizzes to complete at the end of each book and your child can be



awarded with different stars. (If you don't get a star the first time, you can complete the quiz again to get the star). Your child's class teacher will look out for regular reading at home and MME for great effort/participation.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will learn how to divide numbers and multiply them. They will begin each unit practically, to understand the process fully, and then we will use diagrams and drawings, before teaching them methods. We will also be learning how to tell the time to 15-minute intervals. For the children's home learning project please make a resource/game which can help you at home to practise telling them time. Please see the home learning letter for more information.



## Wider curriculum

In Computing, the children will be using the internet safely to do research. They will be using a search engine and discussing that not all of the internet is accurate or useful. In music, the children will continue to learn the recorder. This will include the correct fingering of notes and reading notes. As part of our history, we will be looking at a historical figure and learning about the impact they have had on society.



## Other

Spellings will continue to be uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these each week to support their phonetical knowledge and application. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences.

Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

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The Year 2 Team: Miss Innes, Mr Hurst, Miss Wilson and Miss Reilly