

**Year 2 Newsletter**  
**Mrs Pavlovic, Mr Walker and Miss Birch**  
**February - March 2025**

**Welcome back!**

The children have really settled back into the new half term and have been working hard. Our new topic in Spring 2 will be Our Local Area! This is an exciting topic and one which previous Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed; we will be learning about local and recent history and geography of Leeds including the buildings, transport and people.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support the children in their learning while at home. Every additional bit of help will have a positive impact on their progress.

**Writing**

In writing, we will be focusing on the famous Leeds attractions and creating poetry and persuasive writing based around these exciting places, such as Leeds First Direct Arena, Roundhay Park, Elland Road, Leeds Kirkgate Market, Trinity Centre, Leeds Town Hall and the Corn Exchange.

**Reading**

We strongly encourage you to read with your child **every day** or at least **3 times a week** for a **minimum of 10 minutes**. Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please practise the phonic sounds with your child, help them retrieve answers to questions and describe how characters are feeling; using the text to help them. Furthermore, discuss how they can make connections with the books that they are reading and other books that they have read or their own experiences. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record each time.

**Maths**

This half term the children continue to learn how to use the vocabulary associated with place value and addition and subtraction. Then they can apply this knowledge and skills to solving both number and worded problems. The children will also learn that multiplication is making repeated groups of the same amount and that division is grouping or sharing amounts equally. They will also collect, record and interpret data using tally charts, pictograms and bar charts

**Science: Growing up**

This half term, the children will consider the basic needs of humans for survival. They will be able to identify simple differences between living and non-living things, and will be introduced to the sequence of the human life cycle.

**Homework**

- Reading **every day** or at least **three times a week** with their reading books or on **Oxford Reading Buddy**.
- Spellings on **Spelling Shed** to practise every week.
- Maths homework set on My Maths on a Friday.

**PE:**

Year 2 Dame Jane Goodall- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 Florence Nightingale- Monday and Wednesday

***The children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.***

**Chromebooks**

Please make sure your child's Chromebook is **charged every night** before they come to school. This is really important to ensure that they can access any learning that takes place whilst in school.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you so much for your support!

Year 2 team ☺

**Important Dates:**

Ramadan begins 28th February  
World Book Day and Y2 Trip to The Leeds Central Library will be on Thursday 7th March.  
Science Week 10th -14th March  
CPD day - 12th March  
Sports Relief- 14th March  
Persian New Year- 21st March  
Comic Relief- 21st March  
Gorse Games (Tag Rugby) - 25th March  
Inspirational Children Assembly - 4th April  
KS1 Performance -TBC  
Children break up for the holidays on Friday 4th April 2025.



**You can help by:**

- Encourage your child to practise reading and spelling the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words and their spellings on **Spelling Shed**.
- Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition and subtraction facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school.