

# Year 2



## Spring Challenge

Where would you rather live: Rainhill or Kenya?

## English

We will be improving our reading skills this term by looking at various stories and non-fiction books linked to our challenge question. In English we will be continuing to develop our sentence level skills and learning new spelling patterns. We will continue to practise our spellings using phonic knowledge. During English lessons we will continue to look at verb tense and making sure our sentences make sense by using the correct verb form.

We will be using our big challenge to write an alternative version of The Leopard who Stole the Drum.

During the Spring term Year 2 will also begin to read The Owl who was afraid of the Dark. We will use the text to develop our English skills further and revise those we have already learnt. We will learn some facts about owls and use these to write a non-chronological report about them.

Our big challenge this term gives lots of opportunity for developing our speaking and listening skills. We will be discussing many issues and giving children time to think and discuss these issues and how it makes them feel.



## Maths



Year 2 will continue to explore numbers and recognise the value of each digit. They will use this knowledge to help them with different addition and subtraction calculations. They will continue to do this through reasoning and problem solving activities.

In mental maths, Year 2 will continue to consolidate our number bonds to 20 and 100. They will also learn by heart multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Telling the time to quarter past and quarter to the hour will also be covered. Year 2 will also look at digital time as well as the analogue clock. We will also begin to investigate reading and measuring to different scales using weight and length.









## Computing



Linking to our topic we will continue to communicate through ICT. We will develop our Digital Literacy skills and use these to produce weather reports. We will also use the computers to present information using PowerPoint.

Continuing our work on algorithms, we will look at how they are used in computer games and look at making our own simple computer game.

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| <br><u>RE</u><br>            | <p>During Spring 1, Year 2 will be looking at another faith. They will learn about Judaism and how it is different from the Christian faith they are already familiar with.</p> <p>After half term they will then focus on the Easter story and the new life of Spring.</p>  |
| <br><u>PE</u><br>            | <p>During the Spring term Year Two will continue to do PE with Mr Hodgkinson. They will be developing their fitness and learning to play handball.</p> <p><b><u>PE Kits</u></b><br/>PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday . Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school.</p>   |
| <p><u>Geography</u></p>  | <p>Geography will be the main focus this term. Initially we will be looking locally at Rainhill and then take our field work beyond Europe and into Africa. The children will be comparing weather, the environment and life styles of the populations of both places.</p>   |
| <p><u>Science</u></p>  | <p>The children will be further developing their knowledge about Animals: Including Humans. As part of this they will begin to look at health eating and how to stay healthy.</p> <p>As the term goes on they will begin to examine living things in their habitats and look at how this affects the life of a living things that live there.</p>  |
| <br><u>Creativity</u><br> | <p>As part of our topic work we will be looking at the work of an African artist. We will be leaning how to shade colours and create a piece of art based on the artist's work.</p> <p>Music will be covered by Mrs Garton Pope this term. The children will be learning about famous musicians, listening to their music and creating and performing music too.</p>   |
| <p><u>Other Information</u></p>  | <p><b><u>Homework</u></b><br/>Learning logs are given out on a Thursday and need to be in on the following Tuesday.<br/>Please ensure that you continue to read regularly with your child.<br/>Year 2 half term project can be found in the back of their learning log and on the website.</p> <p><b>Parent helpers are always welcome in Year 2.<br/>Please see Miss Barlow if you would like to come and help.</b></p> |

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