

Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2024

★ Happy New Year. We hope your child is already enthusiastic about the topics we are covering this term - we certainly are!

★ Below you will find information which will help you understand what Year 2 will be doing this term. Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @yr2melthamce to see what we get up to.

★ If you have any questions, please email your class teacher and we will try our best to help.

★ **Year 2 Staff**

★ Class 5 Teacher - Mrs Stocks and Mrs Myers

★ Class 6 Teacher - Miss Hives

★ Educational Teaching Assistants (ETA) - Mrs Booth and Mrs Parker

★ PPA Cover Teachers - Mrs Hudson

★ **Reading at Home**

★ Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a Reading Champions certificate last term. Reading at home with an adult is crucial to all children's reading development. Please try to read with your child for 10 minutes a day. This could be any form of reading, not just a school reading book. Your child could read a shopping list, magazine, menu etc. Anything that engages your child to read, counts! Please record this in your child's yellow reading record so we can see the lovely reading you are doing. Please be aware that there are only 5 weeks this half-term and if we want to keep up our brilliant record of Reading Champions in Year 2, we're going to need 6 times each week.

★ **Homework**

★ Homework is set on a Friday. They may require adult support at home to complete it.

★ **PE**

★ For this half term, PE is on a Wednesday. Please send your child to school in outdoor PE kit on a Wednesday. **Please make sure all earrings are removed for health and safety.**

★ **Forest School**

★ We will have a Forest School session again after half-term. We'll update you nearer the time.

★ **Spellings**

★ The structure of our daily phonics lessons has changed and the focus is now on spellings. We will send home some words that we have been learning on a Thursday. Please support us by recapping these words over the weekend for a quick check-in on Monday before we introduce the next set of words.

★ **Important information:**

★ We are looking forward to a history themed trip towards the end of term. We will let you know more about this nearer the time.

Subject	
Maths	This week, we are learning about 3D shapes. We're then covering multiplication and division prior to learning about money. We'll move onto looking at length and height and end the term learning about mass, capacity and temperature.
English	We're currently reading 'Traction Man is here'. We will use this as a stimulus to write our own comic-strip style stories. After half-term, we will read 'Daisie saves the day'. This will enable us to compare our life to that of a historical figure. We'll then plan and write a letter in character.
Science	We are starting off by thinking about what all living things do. We'll then be investigating habitats, what conditions they have and identifying some of the organisms found there. We will also look at simple food chains.
RE	Who made the world?
Geography	Antarctica.
History	Captain Scott.
ICT	Basic computing skills.
Art	Antarctic animals.
D&T	Making mittens.
P.E	Send and receive.
Music	We will continue to play our recorders.
PSHE	Healthy relationships.