



YEAR 2

Spring 1

January/February 2025

PE

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday this half-term. Please can the children come to school in their PE kit, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read at home. This does not always need to be your school reading book and could be things like listening to them read the instructions for a Seesaw task, recipes or e-books online. Your child should read their school book at least 3 times a week and should be recorded in your child's reading record. Book change day is on Monday and children will visit the library on Tuesdays.

Home learning

Home learning will be issued via SeeSaw. You should all now have access to SeeSaw and should be using it to upload the home learning and interact with the activities. Well done to those that are already doing this. Activities can be completed either electronically on a device or by printing and writing (sometimes easier!).

Year 2 News

Happy New Year and welcome back to another term of wonderful learning in Year 2. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a restful holiday period. We are excited to welcome the children back into our classrooms and get busy with our fantastic new topic.

This term we are learning all about Castles. This is a great topic that lends itself to lots of learning both in school and at home. Perhaps you and your child have visited a castle before? We would love to see photos on Seesaw.

We will focus on the history of castles, how they were built, why, who lives in them and many more exciting things. We aim to have a school trip to Windsor Castle later on this term.

Mrs Lant, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Craddock





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	Maths	Literacy
Week One	Money Counting money and making amounts.	The Days the Crayons Quit Persuasive letter
Week Two	Money Comparing amounts of money and 2-step problems	The Days the Crayons Quit Persuasive letter
Week Three	Multiplication Making equal groups and multiplication sentences	The Days the Crayons Quit Persuasive letter
Week Four	Multiplication Add equal groups and use arrays	Biography King Charles III
Week Five	Division Sharing and grouping	Biography King Charles III
Week Six	Division Divide by 10 and 5	Biography King Charles III

Term Topic—Castles

Science—We will be exploring Plants.

Geography and History—We will be looking at locating castles on maps and identifying land features.
Making comparisons between medieval castles and castles in the present time.

DT— We will be designing and making products based on our castle topic.

RE—We will be looking at Islam.

PSHE— We will be focusing on Health and Wellbeing.

ICT— Online safety and coding.

Art— Paul Klee, castle and sun picture.



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5 top tips to support your child this half term

1. Reading—Frequently and short sharp bursts. Three times a week at least and for 10—15 minutes. They do not need to finish the book every time. Just make a note in their reading record to show where they go to and pick up from where they left off. We will only change books that have been read at home so please do write in the record book.
2. Questioning—Both in reading and in general day to day occurrences to build on their reasoning and inference. E.g. How do you think that made the character feel? Why are there leaves on the ground? Which way looks best?
3. Writing opportunities— list writing; shopping lists, jobs to do, Birthday list, holiday plans etc. Cards, Thank you cards, letters and weather diary. All of these will support writing development.
4. Timetable practice— In Year 2 we focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables first. This is expected to be done weekly alongside home learning. If you have misplaced your username and password for Times Table Rockstars (TT Rockstars) please let us know.
5. Subitising—quick number recognition by looking for patterns. E.g. I know there are 5 because it looks like a 5 on a dice. I know its 3 because it looks like a triangle.

