

# Year 2 Newsletter



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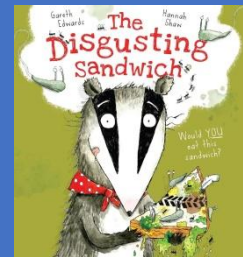
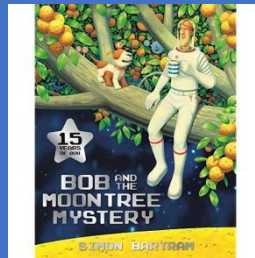
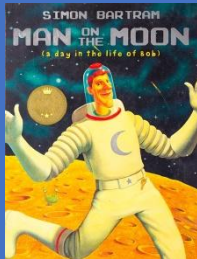
Summer Term 2

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Theme – Out of this World**

Our topic theme for this half term is called “Out of this World!”

**What will we read this half term?**



**Our School Values**

**Achieve Care Value Listen Help**



Our first Little People, Big Dreams book this half term will be Queen Elizabeth II. We will read about her life and accomplishments, and then draw a portrait and recall some key facts. As the Summer term draws to a close but the Wimbledon tennis tournament is in full swing, we will read about and celebrate the life of Evonne Goolagong, the indigenous Australian tennis player who dreamt of playing tennis as a child on a dusty farm in Australia in the 1950s and 60s.

To promote our love of reading, we will be visiting the school library each week to choose/swap a book. These books will be kept in school and we will be able to enjoy them in class.

**What will we learn this half term?**

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

**English**

We will be reading a fantastic story called “Bob and the Moontree Mystery” written by Simon Bartram. He has written a series of books all about Bob. Bob is everyone’s favourite man on the moon, follow him on his crazy adventures. Bob knows everything there is to know about the moon and space, but a new tree that has started growing on the moon has him baffled. Where could it have come from? What type of tree is it? We are going to be using this book to inspire us to write our own non-chronoloical reports. We will have other shorter writing opportunites too, to focus on sentence structure, developing our vocabulary and using descriptive language. In our Guided Reading sessions, we will be reading a book called “The Disgusting Sandwich”, we will learn how to answer retrieval and inference questions, aswell as sequencing the story and prediciting what will happen next. We will also have the opportunity to design our own disgusting sandwich!!

## **Maths**

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will be learning about:

### **Fractions**

- Recognising and finding a half, quarter, third and three quarters of shapes and numbers
- Finding a whole
- Unit and non-unit fractions
- The equivalence of a half and two quarters
- Counting in fractions up to a whole

### **Tell the time**

- Tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to
- Tell the time past the hour
- Tell the time to the hour
- Tell the time to 5 minutes
- How many minutes in hour/How many hours in a day



### **Statistics**

- Make tally charts
- Draw and read tables
- Block diagrams
- Draw and interpret pictograms

### **Position and Direction**

- Language of position
- Describe movement and turns
- Make shape patterns with turns

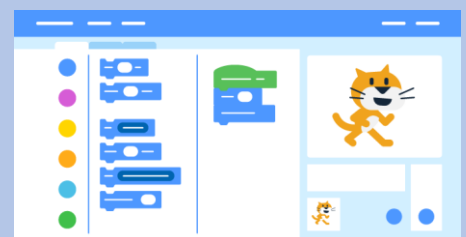
## **Research Topic**

The key question which forms the basis of our History learning this half term is 'What is a monarch?'. We will learn about the role of a king or queen and the important ceremony that takes place when they are crowned. William the Conqueror was a very significant king in the past and we will find out why he was important, how he ruled the country and the part castles played in his reign. Castles have changed with different monarchs through time and we will use pictures as to look at how we can see this. We will finally discuss how the role of monarchs has changed and how King Charles III has a different job to William the Conqueror.



## **Computing**

Our Computing lessons will be delivered by Mr Goodier on Thursday mornings. We will be learning to code using the software “Scratch”. We will build on our knowledge of coding from previous lessons.



## **Forest School Sessions**

Details about Forest School sessions have been emailed to parents. If you have any questions/queries then please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.



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## **Art**

Our Art topic this half term is called "Craft and Design - Map it out" Lessons will cover;

- Creative journey – to investigate maps as a stimulus for drawing.
- Abstract maps – to experiment with a craft technique to develop an idea.
- Print possibilities – to develop ideas and apply craft skills when print making.
- Gallery Experience – to present artwork and evaluate it against a design brief.

## **PSHE**

Our PSHE topic this half term is called "Changing Me". We will learn to;

- Understand that everyone is unique and special
- Express how we feel when change happens
- Understand and respect the changes we see in ourselves and others
- Know who to ask for help if we are worried about change
- Looking forward to change

## **Music**

In our Music lessons our focus will be on our singing skills, and we will link this to our English by learning to sing a variety of songs about space and astronauts.



## **PE**

In PE this half term we will learn what it takes to be a successful leader and team player and what makes a good team. PE lessons will take place with Mr Cole on Tuesdays.

### **Indoor PE kit**

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Pumps or trainers with non-marking sole for indoor games
- Bare feet for gymnastics

### **Outdoor PE kit**

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Trainers

A plain, dark tracksuit (or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) may be worn in colder weather. PE kits can be kept in your child's locker for the half term and can be taken home for the holidays to be washed.

## **Design and Technology**

Our topic this half term is called "Textiles – Pouches". We will be learning about;

- A running stitch
- To sew using a running stitch
- Making a pouch
- Decorating a pouch



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**Homework**

Children are expected to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes each night. All children will bring home a Read, Write Inc book which is closely matched to their phonic ability. This book is fully decodable and your child will be able to read all the sounds/words in the book, we are focusing on developing fluency so your child will keep the book for a week so they have chance to read it more than once. As children begin to complete the phonics programme they will start to bring home an extra book from the school's reading scheme.

Your child should also know their TTRockstars and Numbots login, so they can practise times tables and number skills at home. Competitions and Battles are regularly set on TTRockstars – so watch out for these!

**Thank you**

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please write a note in your child's reading record, or speak to a member of staff on the door at pick up or drop off time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Haygarth, Miss Manning and Miss Kelly (Year 2 Teachers)