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SPRING 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 2,

Welcome to our Spring Term in year 2. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 2 this term.

We will continue with Mrs Moss and Ms Wright teaching, with Mrs Tate supporting, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moss or Ms Wright by email or with a phone call via the office. Similarly, if we are ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistant, Mrs Tate as they will be more than happy to help.

We are thrilled with how the class is settling into the new year. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 2, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Tell me a dragon – Poetry and character descriptions Non-fiction writing	We will be learning about similes and using these to make poems of our own. We will be using adjectives and expanded noun phrases and different sentence types to create character descriptions. We will also be looking at the features of non-fiction texts.
Maths	Multiplication and division	We will recap addition and subtraction. We will then learn to group, multiply and divide. Later on, we will give children logon information so they can have a play on Times Table Rock Stars!
Science	Plants and Living Things	We will be learning about the parts of a plant and tree, seeds and bulbs. We will try to plant and grow some of our own!
Geography and History	Globetrotters Mary Anning	In Geography, we will be learning the names of the continents and oceans and finding out about different countries around the world, especially Kenya. In History, we will learn about the fascinating life of fossil hunter Mary Anning.
ICT	Online safety	Learning about online safety, including: what happens to information posted online; how to keep things private online; who we should ask before sharing online;

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		describing different ways to ask for, give, or deny permission online.
Art & DT	Exploring a range of media, e.g. painting, sculpture and sketching.	In DT we will be looking at mechanisms and making our own moving cardboard dragons using levers and linkages. In art we will be using clay and exploring different techniques to shape and join clay and different ways to create marks and patterns using a variety of tools.
Music	I wanna play in a band	Using our voices and glockenspiels to learn about pitch, tempo and rock music!
PSHE	Health and wellbeing. Safety and the changing body	We will be learning about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing. We will be developing understanding of safety: roads, medicines and an introduction to online safety; distinguishing secrets from surprises; naming body parts and looking at the concept of privacy.
RE	Muslims	We will be learning about what Muslims believe about God and what is important to Muslims.
PE	Gymnastics/Dance/ Tennis	In PE, we will be working on learning new gymnastics skills such as balance, shapes and flight. In dance we will be looking at creating a choreography of our own using skills such as timing, mirror, unison and accumulation. In tennis we will look to improve our knowledge and skills of the game such as serving, volleying and aim towards playing a rally.

HOMEWORK IN YEAR 2

Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. Children will be rewarded with dojos if they read three times a week at home.

Spelling

In Year 2, children will be learning new spellings throughout the year. This term we will send home a set of spellings each week to consolidate their learning. Children will be given a spelling homework folder next week and on a Wednesday each week a new set of spellings will be sent home for them to practise.

Maths

Maths homework in year 2 is Doodle Maths. We would like children to try to do their 'x a day' on Doodle Maths – this is a different amount of questions for each child and is set to match their ability level. If they cannot do it every day, perhaps aim for at least three a week. We will reward effort on maths homework with dojos each Friday.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.



Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you for your help and support over the term ahead. We are looking forward to seeing your child blossom and grow over the next term.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Moss and Ms Wright

Year 2 Teachers

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16 th January	Open classrooms
Monday 5 th February	Parent consultations
Thursday 8 th February	Parent consultations
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	Half term break
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day (Non-uniform)
Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return for Summer Term

