

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring 2 update!

We have a lovely half-term ahead: new stories, hands-on activities and plenty of opportunities to consolidate skills. Here's a guide to what your child will be learning:

English – Reading & Writing

We are reading 'Grandma Bird' by Benji Davies. The children will learn how to write simple letters to another person. We will practise writing clear sentences with punctuation. Children will add descriptive words to make their writing interesting.



Maths – Number & Measurement

We will be working with numbers up to 50, looking at tens and ones. We will also use number lines to help with counting. Puffins will find one more and one less. Children will have the opportunity to measure length, height, mass and volume through practical tasks.

Geography – The United Kingdom

Puffins will learn about the four countries of the UK. This includes exploring the Union Jack and country flags, talking about capital cities and native flowers and finding the seas around the UK on a map.



RE – Caring for Others

We will be reading stories from different religions that teach kindness and friendship. Children will learn about helping others and they will explore traditions such as the Langar Feast and Raksha Bandhan.

Science – Taking Care of the Earth

We are investigating how we can help protect our planet. We will be learning about pollution and how it affects land, air and sea and thinking of small changes we can make every day.



Computing – Animated Storybooks

We will be learning how to produce an e-book and using tools to make our story books move and produce sounds. We will also be learning how to save our work in our class file.

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Design & Technology – Cooking

Children will have the opportunity to learn about different foods and practise new skills such as mixing, shaping, rolling and baking. They will try different tastes and evaluate their finished products.



If you would like to help at home, here are some ideas:

- Read a bedtime story and talk about the characters and setting.
- Write a simple letter or postcard together.
- Count everyday objects in tens, and ones (e.g., pasta, LEGO).
- Go on a 'measure hunt' – compare heights of chairs, toys or books.
- Look at a map of the UK and find where you live.
- Talk about ways to help the Earth: recycling, turning lights off, using less water.
- Cook something tasty together.

Best Wishes,

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