

Year 2 Learning Letter

Spring 1

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th January

9am - PINS parent coffee morning
Year 2 Trip to London Zoo

Monday 20th January- Rock and Bot Day

Saturday 1st February - World Hijab Day

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
9am - Safer Internet Parent Workshop

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - Half term

Monday 24th February - Start of Spring 2

Routines

No Forest School this half term whilst our well-loved Golden Garden recovers.

Outdoor PE - Thursday AM (2K and 2W)

Indoor PE - Monday (2W) and Tuesday (2K)

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and they should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days.

Home Learning

Maths: set and due on a Friday

Spelling Practice - set and due on a Friday

Our Learning Journey

We hope you all enjoyed the *Super Star* performance that took place for our fabulous winter production: well done to all the children for their hard work and dedication to learning all the songs and their lines!

English

Reading, Writing and Phonics

Having enjoyed writing about *The Crow's Tale* last term, Year 2 will now be exploring both fiction and non-fiction within their writing lessons in spring 1. We will explore non-fiction biography writing through the life of **Grace Darling**, the daughter of a lighthouse keeper who bravely saved many lives during a horrific storm off the coast of Northumberland in 1838. We will then revisit narrative writing through the twisted tale: *Little Red Reading Hood* by Lucy Rowland based on *Little Red Riding Hood*. In this version, Little Red Reading Hood loves reading books and making up stories of her own when she meets a cunning wolf while on her way to the library. The children will be exploring plot, language and writing techniques alongside further developing their handwriting and sentence-building during our early learning sessions.



Science

Plants: We will be investigating what plants need to grow and seeing if we can nurture our own seeds into thriving plants!

If you would like to donate any plant/vegetable seeds, feel free to send them into school, e.g. cress, broad bean or sunflower seeds.

Geography

This term's geography-themed topic is entitled Rainforests as we delve into the wonders of rainforest layers, while comparing their tropical climates to others across planet Earth. Our big question is: *Why are rainforests important?* So, we will look at what life-forms they support, and how our world would be without them.

Art

Our topic this term will be *Painting and mixed media: Life in colour*. This unit focuses on colour mixing and creating textures using different tools. It also covers collage techniques, developing children's understanding of colour, texture, and composition in art.

Computing

This term, we will be learning about *Creating media: Stop motion*. Children will:

- Create a flip book animation.
- Decompose a story into smaller parts to plan a stop motion animation.
- Create stop motion animations with small changes between images.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing – please find details using the link below

<https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/values-and-pshe/>

Contacting teachers

If you need to get in touch with us, please do so **during school hours only**: 8am - 6pm (Mon - Fri) and we will respond as soon as we can.

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Please also ensure that emails/letters regarding pick up arrangements or appointments are sent to the school office and the class teacher before 12 pm.

THE YEAR 2 TEAM