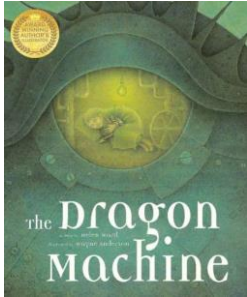




# Year 2: Spring term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy New Year!  
We have an exciting year ahead with so many opportunities for you all to 'Let your light SHINE'!

## English



Our book focus this term is Hansel and Gretel, unit it Yr2 pupils to engage in writing for a fiction purpose. The narrative incorporates an opening, build-up, climax and resolution, this is relayed to children as the 'story mountain' and the pupils learn the purpose of each of these sections: Opening: meet the main characters and introduce the setting; Build-up: develop the characters, build the story line further and introduce the problem; Climax: the most exciting part of the story, fast-pace and the problem takes place; Resolution: the problem is solved, and the story comes to a close.

Our second book is called the Dragon Machine, and we will rewrite our own version of a dragon story. We will focus on commas in a list, expanded noun phrases, and subordinating conjunctions.

## Topic

During this topic, we will be learning about-

As scientists we will be investigating electricity and circuits, exploring conductors and non conductive materials and safety rules around conductors.

As geographers we are investigating the British isles, understanding the different parts of The British isles and making comparisons with Cape Town.

As artists we will explore portraits and self portraits, focusing on the artist Leonardo D Vinci, Van Gogh and Picasso. We will plan and draw faces mixing tones and drawing with oil paintings.

Online safety- we will follow the school safer internet rules, knowing when to click and tap and when to stop and think and tell someone.

In PHSE we will focus on being safe. We will explore basic rules for keeping safe online and not to share information, the importance of passwords and the importance of adult supervision.

In DT we will Sewing pencil cases. We will investigate, select tools, stitching and sewing.

## Mathematics

Over the term we will be covering the following areas:

Number focusing Multiplication and division (  $2 \times 5$   $10 \times 3$   $4$ ) ( Dividing by 2 by 5 by 10 by 3 and by 4)

With a Money focus adding and subtracting values.

How can you help at home?

- Use mathletics.co.uk to help your child to improve their maths skills.
- Listen to your child read at least 3 times a week so that they can become a rocket reader!
- Practise spelling the words on the high frequency words list.
- Practice counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s.

## RE

Our RE focus is what do we learn from scared books .

## Physical Education

Every Wednesday and Friday morning we have PE, Our focus this term is dance and dance interpretation. Please ensure your child has all items for PE during these days.

## Important Dates and Days

National story telling week- January