

Year 2 Curriculum

Newsletter

SPRING 2019

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, and welcome you and your children back to an enjoyable term at William Torbitt.

Term Topic

Our topic this term is 'Super Heroes', inspired by the book 'Traction Man', where we will be learning about heroes of all types, including those in our own community.



English

During this term, our English lessons will continue to be linked to our topic—Superheroes. Children will be learning how to write through a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres. Our first core book is 'Traction Man'. A story about a toy superhero. We will be asking children to bring in a toy from home in the first few weeks to help them to make links between their own lives and the story.

This term we will be focusing on writing clear sentences, using capital letters, full stops, question marks and commas. As well as this, we will focus on using the past and present tenses accurately, and a range of connectives such as: but, because, when, etc. to extend sentences.

We will also continue to focus on developing our understanding and use of phonics and grammar, as well as practising our handwriting to ensure that the presentation of our work gets neater.



Maths

Over this half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division and the relationship between them. We will be looking at solving problems involving multiplication and division and identifying odd and even numbers. Later in the term, we will be learning about the properties of shape.



Useful Maths Websites:

BBC Bitesize — www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/

Topmarks — www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=8

Books for Breakfast

We will be inviting you to join us on **Friday 1st February** for 'Books for Breakfast'. This activity promotes a love of books and enjoyment of reading through sharing books together. You can come in with your child from 8.50 — 9.30am and read with them from a selection of books available in the classroom. Everyone is welcome!



Computing

We will be learning more about how to stay safe online and then begin to investigate programming on digital devices. Many of the activities that the children will complete will be linked to DB Primary, so it will enable a link between home and school.



Design Technology

We will be designing and making our own superhero puppets. The puppets will be made from fabric so the children will learn how to draw, cut and join the fabric in order to construct their puppet. Parental help would be most appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.



Home Learning

In Year 2, children will be given a home learning activity each week to support, prepare for, or reinforce their work in class. This may be in their home learning book or on our new online learning platform DB Primary. If you have any problems accessing the website, please speak to your class teacher.



In addition to this, children are expected to read every day for at least 10 minutes to an adult. Children will be rewarded in class for reading at home. We would be grateful if Parents/Carers could sign in their reading journals.

Science

In Science we will be learning Animals and Humans and what they need in order to survive. This includes learning about the life cycles of different animals and how humans can live a healthy life.

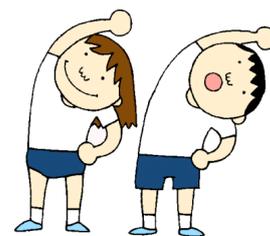
Religious Education

As part of our work in RE this term, we will be learning about the Islamic faith. If there are any parents or carers who would like to visit the school to talk to the Year 2 pupils about this faith and its place in their lives, please speak to one of the Year 2 teachers.



Physical Education

It is very important the children bring the appropriate PE Kit as they will be going outside. This includes plimsolls, black shorts, white t-shirt, tracksuit. Make sure all pieces of clothing are labelled and kept in school in a drawstring bag.



Every Day Counts

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

2W — Mustafa Ali, Nicoli Antoci, Daniel Baci, Hassan Balaky, Jasmin Hussein, Md Montasir Bin Mamun, Lukcman Saciid, UsmanSorwar,

2T — Naeem Ahmed, Zahra Durrani, Abrar Elkouchi, Azaniel Fernandes, Hannan Khan, Rayn Miah, Ariele Tichova

2P — Jack Glendenning, Alexandra Ionescu, Summaya Khalifa, Rehman Mohammed, Preston Mpere Masiala, Fatima Naveed, Nina Podsiadlo, Muhammed Sanneh, Ayub Sorwar

2S — Yusor Al-Hyali, Hassan Chughtai, Eesa Bin Fahad, Haashim Kayani, Arjun Ramachandran, Maryam Saddique, Aswikan Thirumaran

Helping with Reading

Reading is a vital skill. To help inspire and aid the children in their own reading, we are looking for parent volunteers to come into school regularly to read to and with pupils in Year 2. You don't need to be an expert or a teacher, just someone who enjoys reading and could share this enjoyment with others! If you would like to offer your time to help our school in this way, please do speak to one of the Year 2 teachers, as we'd love to hear from you and discuss this further.

Diary Dates

22nd Jan	9.00am Parent Forum with Mrs Pike and Mrs Kettory
1st Feb	Books for Breakfast, 8.50am—9.30am
15th Feb	9.00am Year 2 Sharing Assembly to Parents & Carers
18th Feb - 22nd Feb	Half Term
25th Feb	All pupils return to school

