

### Key Writing Focus

- Instructions
- Narrative (Story writing)
- Non– Chronological Report (Pirates)

### Reading / Phonics Focus

- Year 2 Spelling Strategies
- Fluency and Comprehension skills

### Science Focus

Biology  
Animals and their Habitats  
Plants (Part 2)

### DT Focus

**Mechanisms—Wheels and Axles**  
Design and make a sand buggy

### PE Focus

Real PE Unit 5 and 6  
Multi-skills, bat and ball skills  
and athletics

### Maths Focus

- Fractions
- Geometry – Position and Direction
- Measurement – Time, Capacity and Temperature

### Art Focus

#### Drawing , Painting and 3D Art

- Colour mixing – tints and shades
- Seascapes using different materials
- Clay Faces

### Geography Focus

Maps  
Our world – Continents and  
Oceans

### RE Focus

Judaism  
How shall we care for the world  
and others?

### Music Focus

Listen and appraise different  
styles of music and play tuned  
and untuned instruments  
through the units Friendship and  
Reflect and Rewind.

## Under the Sea



### History Focus

Significant figures:  
Christopher Columbus and Ellen  
MacArthur

### PSHE / RSHE Focus

Relationships  
Dealing with change  
and loss

### Computing Focus

Programming—How games work!  
Data handling and using search engines

The Year Two Spring Term Topic is

## UNDER THE SEA!

We will learn about coastal animals and their habitats, read stories about pirates, research about historic and modern day explorers and learn the names of our magnificent oceans.

### PE Days

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children will need **named** black shorts, white T-shirt and trainers. Please remove or cover any earrings and have long hair tied up.

### Drinks and Snacks

Children are provided with fruit daily for snack. If you want to send an extra snack please make sure that it is a healthy piece of fruit or vegetable. No chocolate bars or crisps please. On treat Friday please make sure that any 'treats' are small (no sweets or grab bags please).

Your child needs to bring a water bottle into school **everyday**. Please make sure it is labelled with their name and **only** filled with water. This is because we allow water on tables and don't want their work to get sticky. Many thanks.

### Extra Home Learning Task

**Art:** We would love you to create a sea creature out of recycled materials that we can hang in our corridor (plastic bowl jellyfish, old CD turtles, plastic bottle sharks ... a few ideas to get you started ).

### How Can You Help at Home.

**Reading:** Please continue to listen to your child daily at home and record that you have in their reading record. Please discuss the meaning of any tricky words and ensure that they are taking suitable pauses when they come across a full stop or a comma.

**Homework** will go out on a Wednesday and sent in on a Tuesday. Please support your child in finding a quiet area for them to work and we ask that they use a **pencil** to record answers. Encourage them to be proud of their work by thinking about their presentation.

**SATs Week:** Make sure that your child gets a nice early night and a decent breakfast before we start our quizzes. Lots of positive encouragement of 'You've got this', 'Your teachers are proud of what you have achieved this year so just do your best' and tell them they mustn't worry will really help too.

### Important Dates for Year Two

#### Year 2 SATS: (mornings)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Reading paper 1

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Mental Arithmetic Paper 1

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Reading Paper 2

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Maths Problem Solving and Reasoning paper 2

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**—Spelling Paper 1 Punctuation and Grammar Paper 2

Please let the school know **as soon as possible** if your child will not be present during these dates because we will need to make alternative arrangements.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**—Trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. More information to follow

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**—Sports Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**—Transition Day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**— Last day of term