

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 2 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year; here's to a great 2024!



Welcome back to another exciting term and Happy New Year to you all; we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have started the term very well and quickly settled back into school routines. They have enjoyed recounting and sharing their holiday news with their teachers and friends.

The Spring term is packed full of fun events and we are sure the children are going to absolutely love learning about their new topics.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information and letters.

Year 2

Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English and Maths Coordinator

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner and Mrs Poyner

Supported by Mrs Williams

2E – Miss Evans

Supported by Mrs Newman

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd and Miss Nash)

2NR – Miss Nash and Mrs Rutterford

Supported by Mrs Chandler

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We are starting off the year by looking at the place value of grammar and punctuation. The children will also learn about South America and write their own chronological report.

Maths: The children will be learning about multiplication and division. They will be also be exploring fractions and money.

Science: We are exploring animals including humans and plants.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is:

“Would I prefer to live in Hereford or Rio?” This is a geography-based topic and within this we will be looking at different types of settlements and maps. We will also be looking at different types of settlements within South America and the similarities and differences compared to Hereford, which we learnt about in our previous unit of work.

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are:

Spring 1: “Who is a Muslim and how do they live?”

Spring 2: “Why does Easter matter to Christians?”

P.E: The children will be exploring hitting, catching and running. In Spring 2 they will be looking at sending and receiving.

Arts: The children will be learning about South American artists and recreating pictures.

PSHE: The children will be exploring ways to keep healthy and feeling included.



Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 2 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day but at least three times a week. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

The children are expected to join their **handwriting** in Year 2 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

Reading



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This means we are able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Your child's phonics teacher will give them new sounds/words or book three times a week. If your child is on the AR programme then they choose their own book after they have quizzed.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE uniforms.

We will send their kit home every half term to be washed.

Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing



Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

Special Events

One special event we are having this term is our South American day. On this day the children will come dressed up in colourful clothing. As part of this day the children will experience a South American workshop of drumming and dancing delivered by a professional musician. There will be a small charge for this workshop. We will send more information about this closer to the time.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Friday 19 th January	World Religion Day
Thursday 1 st February - TBC	Reading Workshop
Half Term (Monday 12th – Friday 16th February)	
Thursday 7 th March	World book day
Tuesday 19 th March	South America Day Samba drumming workshop Topic presentation to parents – time to be confirmed
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent/carers evening
Thursday 21 st March	Parent/carers evening
Thursday 21 st March	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 2 Team
Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)