

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 2 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year; here's to a great 2022!

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. This year, we are going to be exercising daily through the 'daily mile' and 'go noodle' so please ensure your child wears sensible school shoes.

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, letters and photographs.

Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

Year 2

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every other Thursday)
and Mrs Poyner (every other Thursday and Friday)

Supported by Mrs Williams and Mrs Liddall

2E – Miss Evans

Supported by Mrs Pugh

(PPA cover: Mrs Poyner will teach every other Thursday)

2/30 – Mrs Oakley

Supported by Mr. Cole and Miss Davies

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Wednesday)

Mr. McShane will also support across the phase during the afternoons

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We are starting off the year by exploring tales from Africa. The children will also learn about Africa and write their own chronological report.

Maths: The children will be learning about multiplication and division. They will be also be exploring fractions. We will also begin Times Table Rock stars. More information to follow soon.

Science: We are exploring materials and their properties.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is:

“Would I prefer to live in Leominster or Africa?” 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 Africa and the similarities and differences compared to Leominster.

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

Autumn 1: “Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?”

Autumn 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.

Computing: The children will be learning about coding on the iPad and laptops.

Arts: The children will be learning about African artists and recreating an African sunset scene.

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!

Your child will soon bring home a log in for **Times Tables Rock Stars**. Please support your child by allowing them access to this website/app and practising their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables.

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.

We will also set challenges to complete throughout the year. These tasks will link to our topic.

Reading



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will soon include their reading book and reading journal.

Your child will be able to change their own book and we will be able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow'.

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 help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they wear their P.E. uniform on their P.E. days.

Year 2 have P.E. on the following days:

2EGP – Monday and Wednesday

2E – Monday and Friday

P.E. may not take place on both of these days but children should be prepared by wearing their P.E. uniform on both of these days.



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

We have a very exciting trip planned for this half term. We are hoping to take the children to a mosque as part of our Religious Education unit. I know lots of children in 2EGP have already asked when we are going! This trip is very dependent on the number of cases and the situation surrounding Coronavirus. As with all trips, there will be a charge for the bus transport but we will let you know in plenty of time if the trip can go ahead.

One special event we are having this term is our Africa day. On this day the children will come dressed up in colourful clothing. As part of this day the children will experience an African workshop of African 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
Wednesday 2 nd February	Chinese New Year dance workshop
TBC	Mosque trip
Half Term (Monday 21st – Friday 25th February)	
Thursday 3 rd March	World book day
14 th -18 th March	Science week
Wednesday 30 th March	Africa day – drumming and dancing workshop
Wednesday 30 th March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 31 st March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 7 th April	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)