



Nightingales Class

Year 2



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter.
We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to an exciting half term as we head towards Easter. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat every day.

OPAL - Please send a spare set of clothes in a named bag.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
Thank you.

Upcoming dates

Wed 28 Jan - Pontefract Castle Trip
Friday 6 Feb, 6pm - Parent Event - Curry and Quiz
Friday 13th Feb - Break up for half term holiday.

What are we learning:

In English, we will be exploring adventure stories! Children will invent their own hero character who goes on an adventure to defeat a dragon in a castle. The class will then explore how to write with the purpose of explaining something.

We will be exploring money in Maths, giving children opportunities to recognise coins and notes and practise calculating change. Any chances to support this learning at home are greatly appreciated. We will then move on to our multiplication unit.

In Science, we will be thinking about how plants grow. We will be growing kidney bean seeds in groups and growing our own cress!

Our History topic this half-term is 'Castles'. This will be supported by our trip to Pontefract Castle.

Our Art topic is 'Cityscapes'. The class will be exploring silhouettes using sketching and watercolours!

Maths

Our KIRFs for this half term are:
Know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table.

Reading books

Your child's reading book and library book will be changed every Tuesday.

Show and Tell

Please ensure that items are meaningful and linked to learning or personal achievements. Children should not bring personal or valuable items into school, as these can easily be lost or damaged.

Phonics and Spelling

The class has now moved onto 'Bridge to Spelling'. This Little Wandle unit will begin to introduce children to spelling rules.

Spelling and handwriting will be a key focus this half-term.

Please ensure you are practising Common Exception Words at home.

Here is a link to the Little Wandle Website for more information and resources:
<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Our Christian Values



Community and Thankfulness

We nurture a strong sense of belonging and encourage active participation in our school community. We teach children the importance of gratitude, appreciating the contributions of others, and giving back.

Homework

In Year 2, we would expect children to spend approximately 1 hour on home learning spread over the week (predominantly reading).

Reading is a key daily activity and every child should spend 10 or 15 minutes reading or sharing a book with an adult every day.
Phonics should also be practised regularly.

Homework will be sent home weekly on a **Friday**. This will often include some handwriting practice and maths.

Further information on Spelling Shed will be provided when the class progresses onto Spelling modules.

Numbots/TTRS

Please ensure children are spending 20 minutes per week on Numbots. If they have completed Numbots, they can progress onto TTRS.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16

From Miss Stanton, Mrs Peace, Mrs Hillyer, Mrs Smith, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Walton.