

Well! 2021 didn't quite start as we thought it would. Your children have made us so proud with the resilience and dedication that have shown during this period of home learning. Who would have thought we would have been teaching and talking to you all from your living rooms. This half term we have a host of wonderful learning ready for us all - regardless of our location!

Please remember that if the children are still at home, their learning can be found on our remote learning page on the website.

We cannot wait to see you all again. We miss you so much!

We also know that 2.2 and 2.3 will be very eager to meet their new teachers in person.

Miss Grice, Miss Hennesy and Miss Scott

## Important information for you

- Please continue to look at the remote learning page for information on what lessons your child will be having while home learning. We will continue to update you on school openings as and when we are given final information from the Government
- When back in school- PE kits must be brought to school and will stay in school until half term. Y2 will do PE on Tuesday.
- When back in school, our Reading books - New books will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. We will not be able to take returns any sooner as we need to 'quarantine' the books for 72 hours.
- Please read the homework grid on the other side for additional learning opportunities

## English

This half term we will be reading the book 'Major Dizzy, Major Glad' while learning key writing skills to write a recount.

*There is a helpful parent guide to the work and some of the key grammar terms on our 'Teacher Talk' section on the Year 2 Remote Learning Page.*

The children will be learning how to

- Include detail and description to inform the reader
- Write in 1st person
- Order events with adverbs of time
- Include personal comments
- and own viewpoint
- Use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense
- Use subordination (using because, when, that to add further details)
- Write down ideas, key words, new vocabulary
- Use punctuation correctly (e.g . , ! ? and we will introduce apostrophe for the possessive (singular)

Furthermore, we will be continuing to practise the children's retrieval and inference skills in reading while recapping Phase Five Phonics.

## Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following skills. There is a guide to methods we use in school on the 'Teacher Talk' section on our remote learning page.

We will be learning maths skills through practical activities as well as learning written methods to solving problems.

We will be focusing on the mathematical areas of

- Addition and subtraction
- Statistics (tally charts, pictograms, bar charts)
- Shapes
- Fractions

Please keep practising the 2,5 and 10 times tables with your children as well as their number bonds to 10 and 20.

## Wider Curriculum in Year 2

**RE** - We will be learning about the Jewish Faith. Our Key question is **Who is Jewish and what do they believe?** We will be learning about special days, prayers and festivals such as Passover

**Science** - we will be learning about seeds and how the process of germination occurs. We will be considering what conditions plants grow best in and performing our own

**Art** - we will be investigating different artistic styles such as painting, colour mixing and print making.

**DT** - we will be looking at farm fresh food: investigating how food comes from farm to fork and designing our own meals

## Home Learning Challenges

### Essential work

Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home. This could be on bug club or your book from school



Bug Club

### Shooting Seedlings

In your pack refresh you were given a seed and a plastic bag we will start in our science on 1<sup>st</sup> March. However, can you keep detailed drawn and written observations of what happens as it grows? What were the conditions like where you chose to grow it?



### Essential work

Practise your times tables or number bonds on the sheets we send home or numbots or TT Rockstars



### Passover - A Jewish Festival

A favourite part of the Passover meal for children is finding the **afikoman** (a large piece of a bread that is hidden during the meal). Children search for it and get a prize for finding it. We thought it might be fun to include children in the making of an **Afikoman Bag**.

Please see the letter on the remote learning page for the link

[Click here to see how](#)



You could even use a simple envelope to recreate the bag

### Essential work

Practise your spellings and HF words. They are given on Mondays and tested on Fridays.

### Matisse

Henri Matisse was born on 31st December 1869, and died in 1954. He was 84. He was a draughtsman, printmaker, and sculptor, but is best known as a painter. Matisse also started to create large scale cut paper collages. He called the technique 'painting with scissors'.



### Powerful prints

Can you create your own print in the style of Matisse. Can you do what he did and 'paint with scissors'?



### Twitter

With a grown up ONLY. Send a tweet about something exciting you have done to @MissCGrice and @MissKScott and we will share them with Y2.

### Fantastic Farm Food

Can you help your grown up at home to make a meal. Take pictures of the things you did.

DOJO challenge - can you write instructions of how to make the meal

