

# Year 2 Learning Letter (Spring 1)

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## Year 2's Learning News

Welcome back...We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with your family. As a team we are all excited about the new term ahead and have lots of great learning opportunities planned to tap into your child's curiosity!

This term the children's learning will continue to take them on interesting, new adventures with our fairies: Elvin and Blossom.

Remember you can keep up to date with your child's learning through our weekly tweets and on Facebook.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**  
M&M Productions-  
Pantomime to school at  
2pm, late finish

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
Parent information session  
on SATs at 9:00am

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y3/4 production to school

**Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup>  
February-** Assessment  
week in Year 2

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-**  
break up for spring half  
term. Normal finish time.

## What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Reading...**In our whole class guided reading sessions we will continue to focus on developing comprehension skills. We will also look at key vocabulary used in the texts and begin to unpick the meaning of words. As children move through the colour bands we will be encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words in their head in order to begin to develop fluency and expression.

**Learning Top Tip** - If you come across a word you can read but do not understand ask an adult to explain its meaning to you.

**Maths....** We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, as well as telling the time and understanding different units of time. We are continuing to focus on place value, along with addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers within worded problems that involve money and measure. Learning and recalling times table facts for x2, x5 and x10, along with the related division facts, continues to be an ongoing focus and will appear as a weekly home learning task.

**Learning Top Tip** – The more you practise the better you become at maths. Remember there are lots of resources that can help you in our maths area. ([www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) or apps like PopMaths and Maths Bingo for the iPad)

**Grammar / Spellings** – Looking at writing in the past tense, using adjectives and adverbs to add detail, understanding apostrophes used in contractions and different conjunctions- both co-ordinating (and, but, so) and subordinating ( when , if, because). We will also be continuing to learn more of the Year 2 common exception sent home at the start of this term.

**Learning Top Tip** – Use the displays around the classroom and the English toolkits to help you remember how to spell words and what they mean. Always ask if you need a word to be explained again so that you are clear and can have a go at using them successfully when writing or reading.

SCIENCES DAYS LAST TERM  
Take a look at our budding scientists in action.



We were investigating the how the shape of different materials can be changed.



## What we will be learning...

**Science** –We will be planning in more science days this term where the focus will be on animals, including humans and how to keep the body healthy.

**Geography** - Knowledge of countries and capital cities and their location in the United Kingdom, developing geographical language, skills and fieldwork. Looking at what are the key British values and how these link to our school set of values.

**Art**- Exploring and experimenting with colour and shape. Looking at the work of artists Mondrian and Kandinsky as inspiration.

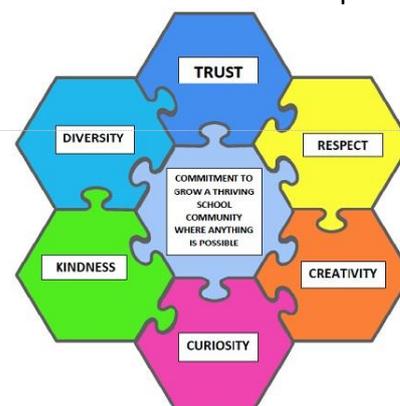
**PSHCE/ Jigsaw** –Dreams and Goals.

**Music**- we will be learning to sing and play together in an ensemble through song – ‘I Wanna Play In A Band’, written especially for children.

**PE**- Ball games using the key skills learnt last term and Badminton

**PE KIT** should be in school all the time. **As the weather turns colder we encourage children to wear tracksuits, joggers or leggings for outdoor PE, and trainers are best.**

As our Epic with the fairies Elvin and Blossom unfolds, we will be travelling around the British Isles (not literally!) making links to both our school values of curiosity and diversity and the new British values of mutual respect and tolerance.



## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

This term we are focusing on being able to ‘reason’, especially in our maths lessons and guided reading sessions. We will be awarding reasoning monkey stickers and recording great learning quotes. Alongside this, we shall be concentrating on our school value of curiosity as asking relevant questions is key to both these skills.

## Home Learning ideas...

This half term we have a **geography** focus. We will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom as well as looking at our local area.

**Perhaps you might like to try...** to follow a map to get to a chosen destination or even draw your own map to show a route you take regularly.

Look at different kinds of maps and see what you can learn from them. It is interesting watching children with an atlas and the ideas they have about where in the world they live.

Look at where we live in the United Kingdom and at other places you may have visited. Think about how far you might have travelled, how many different places have you been to already, where would you like to visit if you could go anywhere in this country or even I the world!

**DO WE HAVE ANY EXPLORERS AMONGST US?**

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## School Council News and Views

We will be writing to you soon to let you know what the School Council has planned to do to help raise money for Comic Relief on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Be prepared to do something funny for money!