

# Year 2 Newsletters –

## Spring Term

### What we will be learning this term:

**English** – We will write our own stories based on the journey home before reading and exploring bear themed books 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and 'The Bear and the Piano'.

**Reading** – We will be continuing to practise reading fluently as well as answering inference questions based on our class stories.

**Maths** – We are starting this term with our unit on multiplication and division, looking at sharing at equal groups. Following this we will do some work on telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes. After this we will find fractions of shapes and amounts.

**Science** – We will be learning what different animals eat and how they find food. Following this we will create and interpret simple food chains. After half term we will explore different materials and their properties.

**History** – We will learn about the famous nurse, Florence Nightingale, and how she changed hospitals and nursing standards. To learn more, we will go on a school trip to Fort Nelson which we are really looking forward to!

**Geography** – We will learn about London and where it is in the country. We will be learning about why people visit London, what it has to offer and its importance to our country. We will also be learning about the River Thames and its importance.

**PSHE** – We will learn about our relationships with different people and how we respect peoples' differences as well as understanding when it is ok to say no to our friends.

**RE** – This term in RE we will learn about the concept of 'Remembering' with a focus on the Hindu religion. At the end of the unit, the children will be asking to bring in something which helps them to remember someone or something special.

**Computing** – We will be learning how to sequence and predict the outcomes of a robot algorithm. This means we will be designing simple programs and testing them using Bee-Bots.

**PE** – We will learn different gymnastics elements and put them together into a sequence. Outside, we will communicate effectively to solve problems as a team.

**Music** – We will be learning to maintain a steady beat. We will also learn to recognise, play, and write rhythms with single beats and paired half-beats. In addition, we will be using rest beats to show a silent break in the music.

**Art** – We will learn about the famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh. We will study some of his sketches and create our own landscape drawings using different types of lines.

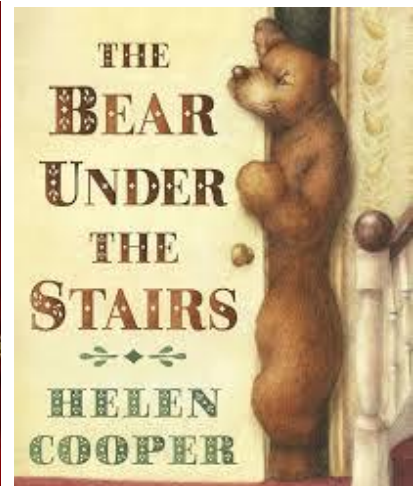
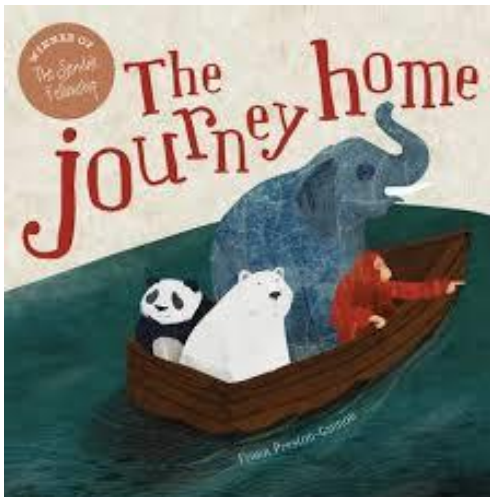
## Home learning for Year 2:

Read a book and record in your reading diary at least three times per week – you could even visit your local library, it's free!

Learn your times tables on TT Rockstars (log-ins coming shortly).

## This half term's optional home-learning project:

In Maths, we learned about collecting data in a tally and then presenting it in a pictogram. Could you collect your own data (for example, what animals you see outside, or what is the favourite food of each of your family members) and present it as a pictogram?



## Key Dates

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Fort Nelson trip

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Inset day, school closed

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Inset day, school closed

