

Year 2: Things to look forward to in Spring 1!

Dates for your diary:

05.01.2026 - Return to school

Week beg 16.02.2026 - half term

20.03.2026 - Trip to the Braintree Museum (**Spring 2**)

Maths:

This half term we will be learning how to group and share numbers as an introduction to multiplication and division. We will also be recognising different coins and counting money in pounds and pence.

Spellings: We will be continuing to be using Ed Shed.

Please continue to do 5 games to try to get your spelling bee.

Our life skill of the half term is: to learn to take turns in a conversation.

Art:

We will be looking at the Victorian artist William Morris. We will be mixing media and using block prints to design our own William Morris wallpaper.

English:

This half term we are going to continue to develop our 'retell' skills, using the books *Halibut Jackson*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Girl who Planted Trees* and *The Oak Tree*. We will continue to develop good sentence structure, using capital letters correctly, full stops, conjunctions and time openers. We will also learn how to write a diary entry using the book called *The Secret Garden*.

PSHE:

This term we are focusing on building resilience and coping skills.

P.E:

In outdoor PE lessons we will be developing running skills and in indoor PE we will be focussing on dance. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor PE. A gentle reminder that no earrings should be worn on PE days.

Our language of the half term is Mandarin

Topic: We will begin to explore the historical topic of the Victorian Era. We will focus particularly on Victorian schools and comparing nurses from then and now (Florence Nightingale)

We will continue to develop our questioning and enquiry skills.

Science

This term we begin the topic of 'Living Things and their Habitats'. As well as continuing to practice and apply scientific skills through investigations we also focus on life cycles, what constitutes a balanced diet, naming food groups and healthy eating.

Music:

This term we will focus on composing our own pieces of music.