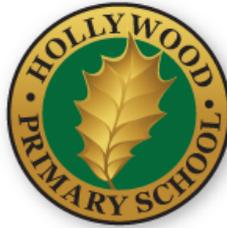


# Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter

Our PE day is Wednesday. Please wear PE kit to school on this day.



Welcome back, we hope you have had a festive Christmas. May the year 2 team offer you a warm welcome to the new year and our Spring term.

This half-term our topic is 'Castles, Kings and Queens'. Our lessons will be linked to this topic until half-term, and where possible across our diverse curriculum. Children will be studying life in old England, the history of the famous people, what the buildings were like, and other interesting information about our country's history.

In Science this half term, we will be learning about materials and eco-awareness. Our lessons will explore different materials and their properties, how they are made, how they are obtained and what their uses are. We will also look at the environmental impact of materials; for example, plastic pollution in the oceans.

## English

Spring term will begin with our focus on the book 'Don't Read this Book'. We will be acting, studying the characters, sequencing the story and completing character descriptions. We will be having a big focus on handwriting and spelling this term. Any support at home is of course appreciated. Spelling materials can be found on the year 2 page, on the website under the 'children' tab.

We will also be using a cross curricular approach by bringing history into English lessons by looking at castles, queens and kings of medieval England.

***Please ensure children are reading daily at home and bringing both their reading book and signed diary into school every day.***

## Maths

In maths we shall be consolidating our work on addition and subtraction for the first 2 weeks. Then we will look at money including coins and notes. We will then explore multiplication and division.

This work is eased greatly by the children's knowledge of times table and division facts. Please make sure they are practising these important skills daily using TimesTables Rockstars to allow them access to higher challenges in maths. This will be checked by staff.

## In other subjects and opportunities...

In Year 2 we will make links to our topics through Geography, History and Science as well as Music, Art and PE. Wherever possible we make our learning creative and practical, including getting outside, learning to become independent problem solvers. We will learn about different faiths and festivals in RE and we take part in regular circle time sessions to support PATHS and Citizenship. The children will also be able to take part in our school ambassadors programme where each child will have a role to support and strengthen our school community.

## Other useful information and dates for your diary:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Synagogue visit in Solihull  
28/1/18-1/2/18 - National storytelling week  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine's disco  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Cadbury World visit

**Please always check the Friday newsletter for weekly updates 😊**