



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 2! Our main topic this half term will be **'Superheroes'**. We will be focusing on History skills for this topic – learning about Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. We will also be starting the topic of **Animals including Humans** in Science.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Our narrative work will be based around the text 'Traction Man', and children will develop their storytelling, description and grammar skills in order to create a new chapter of their own as well as writing a piece of persuasive text.</p> <p>Throughout this term the children will continue to develop their reading comprehension, grammar, sentence structure and punctuation skills.</p>	<p>https://www.google.com/search?q=traction+man&rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB873GB873&oq=traction+man&aqs=chrome..69i57j46i512j0i512l3j46i512j0i512j46i512j0i512l2.1678j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8 Traction man story</p>
Maths	Counting forward and backwards, partitioning, addition and subtraction. Securing number facts and place value of tens and ones.	http://www.ictgames.com/placeValue.htm
Science	Animals including Humans We will explore life cycles, diet, offspring and their basic needs.	Science Museum
ICT	Learning about what computers are and what their role is in the wider world.	Below is a good website with facts for children about Mexico: http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-mexico/
History	We will investigate the lives of Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell, as well as discuss the Crimean war and look at aspects of the first world war.	
RE	Christianity- What did Jesus teach us? Focus: Kindness	Visit St James' Church
PE	Fundamentals and gymnastics	
Art	Drawing with a range of materials. Painting with a focus of using primary and secondary colours.	
PSHE/Zones of regulation	Settling into Year 2 Developing independence Zones of regulation	Remind the children of being independent with their belongings, the importance of following rules at school and at home Discussion of feelings.
Music	Tony Chestnut	
Mandarin	Colours Numbers	
Outdoor Learning	We will be continuing our exciting Outdoor Learning program this half term. Our children will have timetabled sessions planned by our Forest School	

	trained teacher and our Outdoor Learning Practitioner, Cath Demitriou. The Outdoor Learning will be linked with our National Curriculum subjects.	
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Important:

The children should children bring in **water bottles** every day, to keep them hydrated as they learn. They are welcome to bring in their own fruit or healthy snack for break time, however fruit is provided by the school daily.

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.
With best wishes,

Ms Clarke and Ms Coburn
Year 2 Team