



# Year Two Newsletter: Spring One 2025

## Around The World - Australia!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed the festivities. May we thank you firstly for all your very kind donations of cards and gifts: we are very grateful for your kindness.

Welcome to the spring term: we will begin our new topic of Around The World, which has a large geography focus as we learn about the country of Australia. We will be celebrating all our learning in our Year Two assembly later this term on Friday 14th February: we do hope you will be able to join us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us,

With our best regards,  
The Year Two team

Ellington teacher: Miss Garnett  
Glennie teacher: Mrs Harrison  
Middle Phase HLTA: Miss Brett  
Middle Phase Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Smith Mrs Moreau, Miss Cook and Mrs Cullum

| Our Learning Theme   | Important Dates:   |  |
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| Around the World - Australia   | Year Two assembly: Friday 14th February<br>School closes for half term - Friday 14th February  |  |
| English  | Maths  | PE Days  |
| <p>We will be reading and enjoying a story called <i>The Crow's Tale</i> by Naomi Howarth and designing our own ending to the story.</p> <p>As part of our Australia theme, we will be researching koalas and writing a non-chronological report about them.</p> <p>Finally, we will consider our senses in an Australian context and write a piece of poetry of our own.</p> <p>In phonics we will be starting our 'spelling' unit where we will be thinking about: Why do some words have the spellings 'kn' and 'gn' for /n/ and 'wr' for /r/? Why do I drop the 'e' when I add the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y? Why do some words end 'ge' or 'dge'? Why can /j/ be spelled 'j' or 'g' in different words? We will also be learning about 'prickly' spellings and homophones.</p> | <p>We will be continuing our learning about shape where we will name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and compare and sort them.</p> <p>We will then move onto money - recognising and using the £ and p symbols, combining amounts and solving problems. Our topic after that is multiplication and division - recalling and using our facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and solving calculations.</p> <p>Finally we will be learning about different types of measurement, including length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.</p> | <p>Monday – Outdoor PE: Send and Return</p> <p>Monday - Indoor PE: Dance</p> <p><b>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform and sensible trainers on the above days.</b></p> <p><b>This half term SPS University Activity:</b></p> <p><b>Group Y2A Sports Coach Ashley</b><br/><b>Group Y2B Craft Mrs Wilson</b></p>                                      |
| Computing  | Other curriculum subjects  |  |
| <p>We will be studying Data Handling this half term. We will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>represent information as a simple block graph or pictogram</li> <li>organise and interpret data as a simple graph.</li> <li>sort and answer questions using yes/no answers</li> </ul>  | <p>In science we will be learning about plants and how light and dark affects their growth and development.</p> <p>In geography we will be further developing our knowledge of the wider world; with a focus on Australia.</p> <p>In art, we will be creating prints inspired by Aboriginal Art. Later, we will design and make clay animals of well known native Australian animals.</p>  | <p>You will receive your homework book on <b>Friday 17th January</b> that has maths and english tasks for the half term. Please record any work you have been doing at home: we will regularly check your child's book to see how they have been getting on.</p> <p>Please return your child's book by <b>Monday 10th February</b> so we can mark their work and provide feedback.</p> |
| Oracy  |  |  |
| <p>We have been using oracy in our lessons through discussions, talk partners, games and songs.</p> <p>Our question of the term is:<br/><b>Would you prefer to live in the UK or down under?</b></p> <p>Sentence stems</p>   | <p>In PSHE and as part of our Crew sessions, we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe.</p> <p>In music, we'll be listening, appraising and performing rock music.</p> <p>In RE, we will be learning about how we can make good choices. We will explore</p>  |  |



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| I think...<br>I believe...<br>I agree...<br>I disagree...<br>because...  | the Ten Commandments, rules Christians have and consider how Muslims make good choices. |  |
| <u>Reading</u>   |   |  |
| <p>Children have regular Reading Practice sessions at school where they will read together in small groups. There will also be opportunities for independent reading.</p> <p>Most of our new books have finally arrived so we can begin sending books home this half term. In the meantime if you could continue to share stories and a love of reading with your children at home it would be much appreciated.</p> |   |  |