



# Termly Newsletter Year 2 – Spring 1



Welcome back and happy new year. We are looking forward to a fun and busy Spring 1 half term in Year 2, linked to our topic *Out of this World*. Below is a brief overview of what your child will be learning this term.

**English** – This half term, our writing will be taught through Talk for Writing, using the core text *Bob's Best Ever Friend*. The children will use a variety of sentence openers, the rule of three, expanded noun phrases and repetition for effect, to write their own meeting tale, based on the perspective of Barry the Dog.

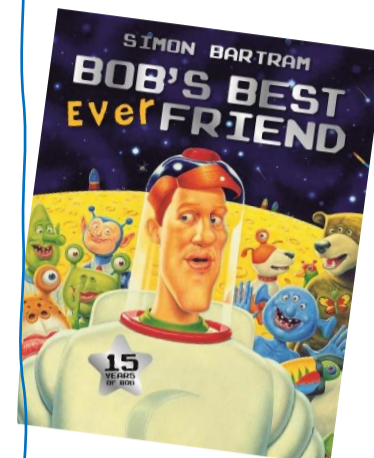
Later in the half term, we will link our English learning with History, writing factually about the life of Neil Armstrong and creating an information page about his achievements. We will also finish the half term with a short poetry unit, inspired by space.

**We will read with your children during reading practice weekly.**

**Please read with and listen to your child read regularly at home and record this in their reading**

**diaries.** Remember, they love to hear you read stories to them too 😊

**Spellings** – We will continue to send weekly spellings in reading diaries to practise at home.



## Topic

In Science, the children will be learning about plants. They will explore what plants need to grow and stay healthy, set up a simple experiment and observe changes over time. In History, the children will learn about the life of Neil Armstrong and why he is a significant individual. Linking with this, in Design and Technology the children will design and create a moving picture of a rocket launch, exploring sliders and moving mechanisms. In RE, we will be learning about faith in everyday life, with a focus on the idea of Gospel or 'good news'. The children will explore themes such as friendship, peace and forgiveness and think about how these ideas link to everyday life. In Geography, the children will begin developing their map skills by looking at aerial photographs, creating simple maps and following a route around the local area. In Computing, the children will continue learning about online safety through Natterhub and take part in activities linked to E-Safety. In Music, the children will explore and perform with instruments and songs. In PE, the children will be taking part in Real PE Gymnastics, focusing on balance, movement and coordination.

**Maths** – In Maths, we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme of learning. This half term, the children will be learning about multiplication and division, including sharing and grouping. We will then move on to measurement, where the children will measure and compare length and height using standard units. We will continue using our Maths scrapbooks with fun activities you can try at home, and the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app is a great way to support learning.



## Extra Helpful Info

**Please keep your eye on the weekly newsletters for any additional dates or last-minute changes.**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January-** Back to School

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January-** Family Reading 8.50am - 9.10am

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January-** Open Day tour for new families 4.30pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** - Numeracy Challenge talk for families 9.10am and 5pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** - Numeracy Challenge talk for families 2pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January-** Reading/Phonics Talk for families 9.10am

(repeat from the Autumn term)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January-** Family Drop ins

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February-** Marvellous Me Monday

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February-** Family Reading 8.50am - 9.10am and Internet Safety Day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February-** FOSF Valentine Disco

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February-** Last Day of Term

## Home Learning Ideas

- Practise counting in groups at home, such as grouping toys, socks or coins to help with multiplication and division.
- Measure objects around the house using a ruler or tape measure and compare their lengths or heights.
- Read stories together and talk about how the characters meet and become friends. Can your child retell the story in their own words?
- Find out some facts about space or Neil Armstrong and share them with the class.
- Look after a plant at home and talk about what it needs to grow and stay healthy.