

Interesting topic things to do at home

Could you help your child to understand your own family tree?

Chat with grandparents about how times have changed. What did they like to do at school? How was the school day different to now?

What kind of toys and games were around when parents and grandparents were a child? What are the BIG changes that have happened to toys and games?

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Home Learning is not compulsory; however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a [Home Learning](#) section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning. If there is anything else, specific to your child, that we would like you to work on at home, we will contact you individually. We will be using Google classrooms again to post updates and assignments for any remote learning and will issue advice on how work can be accessed.

Please could you read with your child as often as possible to supplement the many different ways in which we develop their reading in school. We will be assigning your child a colour book band and a book to read in school. However, due to guidelines and restrictions we will not be sending books home at this time. Please continue to read any suitable materials at home and contact us if you have difficulties sourcing things for them to read.

You could use the website [Teach Your Monster to Read](#) at home (free to join). [Phonics Play](#) is also a great resource to support with phoni---



There are lots of resources on our Home Learning Page to help your child with their spelling and we would be grateful if you could work through the various spelling fish. They should be able to read the word before they can spell it.



All Change!

Key Stage 1 Team – Year 2



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to meet all our year 2 Swallows and Nightingales. We are extremely impressed with how they have returned to school.

Our Whole School Topic this term is **ALL CHANGE**. In Year 2 we will be finding out about how life has changed since our grandparents were born and the times of their grandparents.

We'll be specifically looking at toys and games and how they have changed over time. The children should start to build up an understanding of chronology and associated vocabulary.

We are looking at the book *Here we are* by Oliver Jeffers – this is a fabulous book that explores what you need to know about our planet.

Best Wishes Year 2 Team.



THIS TERM, YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

English	We will be looking at the book Here we are by Oliver Jeffers. Traction Man –Story telling and writing. Instruction about toys and games writing.
Maths	Week of Inspirational Maths Place Value Number facts
Science	Everyday materials and their uses.
Art & Design	Fabric toys- clothes for traction man and hand puppets
Geography	Where do different toys come from? Here we are- UK and Google maps
History	Changes within living memory – Toys
PE	Multi skills Dance (nutcracker)
Music	Nutcracker suite- toy movements and music form other cultures
Computing	Google classroom
RE	Humanity and the natural world
PSHE	The Art of Brilliance -



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please could you ensure that children come to school dressed for PE on a Wednesday and a Friday.

PE kits should include:

A plain white top / house coloured top

Plain black or navy joggers / shorts

A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).

Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)

Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Equipment:

All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

Snacks:

The children are provided with a healthy snack daily although they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. (Fruit/vegetables/cheese)

Mornings:

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom at **8.55 am** with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day. Children are welcome to enter the classroom as soon as the door is opened (which may be slightly earlier). The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently and head to their allocated table, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with.

End of the Day (3:20):

At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time.

Key Dates for the Spring term:

- Wednesdays and Fridays – come dressed in PE kit
- Monday 5th October: Art of Brilliance parent session (7pm) via Zoom