

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 2 Newsletter Year 2

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Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you are well and enjoying the (slow) transition into sunnier weather this Spring! We have made a fantastic start to the new term, and the children seemed so excited to be back after the last short break. Please see below an outline of learning this term.

### Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps and will continue our learning with Multiplication and Division. The children have most recently been focussing on recognising, making and adding equal groups which has supported our understanding of multiplying and dividing. Please continue to focus on the times tables 2, 5, 10 as this is useful leading into Division. Our next units will be Length, Height, Mass and Capacity. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and how your children will be learning, but please bear in mind, that we do adapt Whiterose materials to suit the needs of our learners and adapt our teaching as needed. These can still be a useful tool to pre-teach to support your child's learning, but please don't panic if your child is unsure about a question or method, it may be that we haven't covered it yet or have approached it in a different way.

Your children should all have their TTRS/Numbots log in to use to support their learning at home, if you are unsure about log in information, their details are stuck in their reading diary. Please make sure if you have the app, that you make sure to update it regularly, so that you are using the most current version. Numbots focuses on addition and subtraction fluency, and it is imperative that children are secure with their number bonds of single digits, tens, twenty to support them in their next steps in their learning.

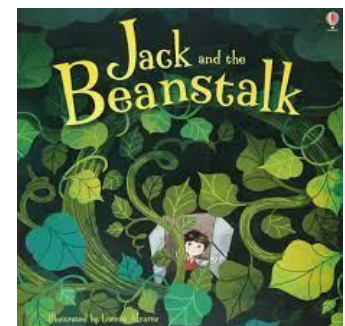
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### Literacy

In writing, we will be focussing on explorers and exploring. We have begun the term looking at the book, 'A River' and are enjoying describing the changing movement of water and the creatures that live in rivers. We will also be recounting our trip to the Old Royal Naval College later in the term.

In reading, we will be moving towards whole class reading sessions. This will involve looking at excerpts from a range of texts, where children will be given the chance to learn new vocabulary,



as well as building their fluency and prosody. Where children may require extra fluency support, they will be given small group reading sessions following the Little Wandle structure, alongside their whole class reading. Please also expect your child to now be bringing home a book of their choice from class book corners. We will encourage children to choose a range of books across the term, whilst also building their independence in selecting appropriate and appealing texts.

World Book Day will be **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March**. We invite the children to dress up on that day, as their favourite characters. There are sure to be lots of fantastic costumes, and a huge amount of book-talk!

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of February**, we have another book fair (KS2 children on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>). The children will have a chance to pick up a special World Book Day book, using the special £1 book tokens. Children are also welcome to bring some money and buy a book, as usual, from Eddie of Jubilee Book.

As usual, we will continue to send Year 2 Spelling lists home via email, so please look out for those.

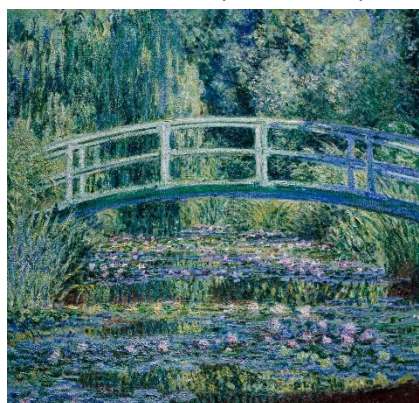
## Science

In Science, we are continuing with our longitudinal study of plants. We will be learning more deeply about the roles that the parts of a plant play and the job they have to keep a plant thriving. We will also be discussing and learning about the environment around them and what the crucial things are that they need to survive, as well as how the environment changes and how plants change throughout the year in order to survive. We will be planting a variety of seeds and we are excited to watch them grow! Alongside our longitudinal studies, we are going to be moving onto learning all about Materials. We will be classifying materials based on their properties and assessing their suitability for various purposes. We will also learn about Charles Macintosh, who developed a waterproof fabric, inventing modern rainwear.



## Wider Curriculum

In History this term, we are learning about maritime history. We will be reflecting on Greenwich's rich connection to the ocean/navy and exploring what maritime life was like. We are lucky enough to use this as a brilliant opportunity to visit our local Royal Naval College on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to enrich our learning of Maritime History. In Art we are looking at the impactful Impressionist movement, and we are completing a study of water which links wonderfully to History. We will be focusing on the artists Monet and Renoir and learning



more about the features of impressionism including their studies of movement, light and the outdoors. In Music we will be celebrating our learning of Benjamin Britten's piece – The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra - with a trip to Blackheath Halls. This piece of music features some of the most iconic music ever composed for orchestra and we are lucky enough to be guided by the mighty Trinity Laban Symphony Orchestra on a whistle-stop tour of the different musical instruments and their families. This trip will happen on

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. For indoor PE this term, we will be focusing on responding to music using a range of different, controlled movements that represent an explorer preparing for an expedition. Our outdoor PE topic this term will be focusing on how underarm and overarm throwing can be used in a game situation.

**PE days:**

Miss Fay: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Mr Vousden: Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Just as a small reminder, we will be having class photos on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Fay and Mr Vousden