

## Year 2 – Spring Term

Welcome to the start of 2024! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas and managed to spend lots of time with family and friends.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead and are particularly looking forward to our new Geography topic, 'Coastline'. This project will teach children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.

Here are some useful website and books that you may wish to tap into to learn more about our topic.



### **Useful websites**

BBC Bitesize – What are human and physical features?  
DKfindout! – Coasts and Coastline Facts – Coastal Features  
BBC Bitesize – Coastlines – coastal erosion – KS2 Geography  
DKfindout! – Wave Power Facts  
National Trust – Great ways to walk the coast  
CBBC Newsround – Guide: Staying safe at the seaside  
CBBC Newsround – What do the RNLI do?  
RNLI – Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Saving Lives at Sea  
DKfindout! – Captain James Cook Facts  
BBC Teach – History KS1/KS2: Grace Darling  
OS Maps: Online mapping

### **Good reads**

Title	Author	ISBN
Children's Map of the United Kingdom and Ireland	Collins Kids	9780008242183
Let's Explore Britain: Coasts	James Nixon	9781474759038
Where on Earth? Coastlines	Susie Brooks	9780750290692
Here to Help: Lifeboat Crew Member	Rachel Blount	9781445140230
i-SPY at the seaside	i-SPY	9780008386528
Collins Big Cat Progress: Grace Darling	Anita Ganeri	9780007498499
Usborne Famous Lives: Captain Cook	Rebecca Levene	9780746064252

In Art our topic is called 'Flower Head' (this will be covered in our Art curriculum days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February). In Design Technology our topic is called 'Beach Hut' (this will be covered in our DT curriculum days on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March). In Science we will be covering 'Uses of everyday materials' and 'Plants'. We will also be continuing with PE, Jigsaw, Computing, RE, Music, Spelling and Guided Reading each week.....as well as our daily Maths and English.

**Reading in Year 2** - Please continue to read frequently with your child at home (at least three times each week). Reading is such a huge part of your child's learning journey and is the basis of everything we do. We have been so impressed with the amount of reading the children are doing at home. The children are really enjoying receiving their reading stickers for every time they read ten times at home.

**PE in Year 2** - We would like you to continue to come to school wearing your PE kit on your PE days (Mondays and Wednesdays). Please wear full PE kit on these days - **Plain white round neck t-shirt, plain navy or black jogging bottoms & tracksuit top and trainers.** Please remove earrings at home on PE days so that they don't have to be taken out in school.

**Snack** - All Year 2 children will continue to be given a piece of fruit at morning break time. If your child would prefer to bring their own snack it must be piece of fruit. Please can all Year 2 children bring their own water bottle to school each day.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you ever have an questions or concerns. You can contact us through dojo and we can then arrange a phone call or to meet you after school if this is better. Please always ask! We're here to help and want the very best for your children.

Mrs Hall      Mrs Foden      Mrs Deary      Mrs McCulloch