



# YEAR TWO – Spring 2

## Topic/theme

**MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS:** This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.

## Reading

In Year 2 we will be building our knowledge of sounds and reading fluency through daily Read Write Inc Phonics lessons. We also build children's enjoyment of reading through daily stories and our Favourite Five texts.

## Writing

**NARRATIVE:** We will be writing a story using subordination.

**RECOUNT:** We will be writing a recount in a role.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring picture graphs, solving word problems, the properties of money, properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, and culminating in fractions.

## PSHE

**Healthy Me:** In this topic, children in year 2 will learn about healthy food; they talk about having a healthy relationship with food and making healthy choices. The children consider what makes them feel relaxed and stressed. They learn about medicines, how they work and how to use them safely. The children make healthy snacks and discuss why they are good for their bodies.

## Science

**How long does it take a bulb to grow?:** This half term, pupils will engage in their first Y2 plant unit which will teach them what a bulb is. They will find out the structure of a bulb and how it differs from a seed, find out how to plant the bulb and make weekly observations to record the stages of growth.





### **Design Technology**

Push and Pull: This project teaches children about three types of mechanism: sliders, levers and linkages. They make models of each mechanism before designing and making a greetings card with a moving part.

### **Music**

Zootime: Throughout this half term, learning is focused around one song: Zootime. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

### **Religious Education**

Buddhism: The focus for RE this half term is Buddhism and Losar. Year 2 children will learn about the New Year holiday, Losar, which is usually in February. They will learn all about the traditions of the festival and its core value of spending time together.

### **PE**

This half term, Year 2 will be doing gymnastics in their PE lessons. Children will learn and perform routines using a range of movement patterns, enjoy communicating and collaborating with each other, develop an understanding of how to improve and learn to evaluate and recognise their own success, having compared their performance with previous ones.

### **Computing**

Spreadsheets: In computing this half term, we will be learning about how to use spreadsheets. We will be discovering how to use image, lock, move cell, speak and count tools to make a counting machine. Children will also learn how to copy and paste, use totalling tools, use a spreadsheet for money calculations and use the equals tool to check their calculations.

