



As we step into the Spring term, we're thrilled to share all the exciting learning adventures lined up for our little ones! This term, we'll be diving into our fascinating topics, and we can't wait for our trip to Skipton Castle – what a fantastic opportunity to bring history to life! We're also looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, where the children can showcase their favourite characters. Let's continue to support our children in working hard and embracing their curiosity. Here's to a wonderful term ahead!

**Important Dates:**



Skipton Castle – 23/1/25  
 World Book Day - 6/3/25  
 Parents Evening - 11/3/25

**Our PE Days:**

Yellow 1 – Wednesday & Friday  
 Yellow 2 – Thursday & Friday  
 Yellow 3 – Wednesday & Friday



**Our book changing days:**

Return book on **Thursday**.  
 New book sent out on **Friday**.



**Homework:**

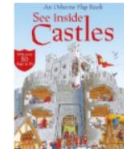
Read and sign planner 3 times a week.  
 30 mins of Numbots.



**Literacy:**

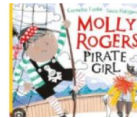
Spring 1

The children will write recounts of our adventure, using conjunctions like 'and' and 'but', alongside time words such as 'first' and 'then'. We will also write instructions detailing how to protect a castle. We instruct everyone to build tall walls, keep a watchful eye, and ensure the drawbridge is raised at night.



Spring 2

We will be exploring the exciting world of pirates through the book *Molly Rogers Pirate Girl*. The children will be crafting informal letters that describe their thrilling captures on the high seas. They will be wonderfully inventive, using vivid adjectives to bring their adventures to life.



**Maths:**

Spring 1

We'll be diving into multiplication and division, where the children will explore arrays and grouped objects to help them understand these important concepts. Alongside this, we'll be handling money, giving everyone a chance to develop their skills in recognising coins and calculating totals.



Spring 2

We will explore length, height, mass, capacity, and temperature through fun and interactive activities. We'll measure objects around the classroom and compare their lengths and heights, as well as weigh items to understand mass. Capacity will be introduced through practical experiments with different containers.

**Science:**

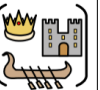
We are diving into the fascinating world of materials! Our budding scientists will explore the properties of different substances, such as wood, metal, plastic, and fabric. Through engaging activities, they'll investigate how these materials feel, look, and behave. We'll discover which materials are flexible, which are hard, and which are good insulators. We'll also be discussing the practical uses of these materials in our everyday lives. Children will learn why certain materials are chosen for specific items, like why we use glass for windows or rubber for tyres. To make this learning more interactive, we'll conduct some exciting experiments that allow the children to compare and contrast materials first hand.



**History & Geography**

Spring 1

In History, Year 2 will explore the fascinating lives of two remarkable queens: Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. We'll compare their reigns, looking at key events, influences, and how each queen shaped Britain. Get ready for some exciting discussions and activities that bring history to life!



Spring 2

In Geography, we'll be exploring the fascinating world of continents and oceans! Pupils will learn about the seven continents and five oceans, alongside an in-depth look at the United Kingdom. We're excited to ignite their curiosity about our planet's geography!



### PSHE:

We're focusing on some vital themes. In Spring 1, our children will explore '**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing**'. We'll engage in discussions to help them understand their feelings and promote resilience. Moving into Spring 2, we'll shift our attention to '**Relationships and Health Education**', where students will learn about building healthy relationships and making informed choices. Our Mind Mate sessions will address **life changes** and recognising **strong emotions**. It's shaping up to be a fantastic term for growth and understanding!



### PE:

This spring term in Year 2 PE, our focus will be on Dynamic Balance, where students will practise maintaining their balance while moving. We'll also work on Stance, ensuring everyone understands the importance of a strong foundation. As we travel around the space, children will engage in fun activities to improve their movement and coordination. We'll incorporate Rotation and Footwork drills to enhance agility and speed. It's going to be an exciting term filled with energy, teamwork, and lots of fun!



### Religious Education:

We'll explore how we can make good choices in our daily lives, discussing the importance of values and decision-making. Additionally, we'll learn about prayer—how and why people pray in different religions. Through stories, songs, and activities, we'll understand the role of prayer in connecting with others and expressing our thoughts and feelings. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for the children to reflect on their own choices and beliefs while learning about those of others!



### Computing:

We'll dive into the fascinating world of loops in IT! The children will explore how loops can help us create repeating patterns in coding. They'll be using fun platforms like Scratch to design their own animations and simple games, where they can make characters move and dance using loops. By the end of the term, they'll be excited to showcase their creations to their classmates, demonstrating the magic of coding in a playful way!



### Art

This spring, Year 2 will embark on an exciting artistic journey inspired by the brilliant Paul Klee! We'll explore his enchanting piece, "Castle and The Sun," using it as a springboard for our own creativity. Students will dive into the world of collage, experimenting with various shapes to create their own colourful castles. They will get hands-on with colour mixing, discovering how to blend hues to make their artworks truly pop. It's going to be a term filled with imagination and we can't wait to see the masterpieces our young artists create!



### Attendance Ladder



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