



# Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter



## Dates For The Diary

Monday 29th January —Visit from Dog's Trust

Monday 12th February—Trip to Hancock Museum, Newcastle

### English



This half term we will be reading 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy and 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo. Our writing will focus around these texts, with the children having the opportunity to practice descriptive writing and exploring character emotions.

### Maths

We will be introducing a new maths scheme 'Winning With Number' this term which focusses on building quick recall of maths facts.

We will also be looking at money with particular focus on counting money and calculating change.



### Science



Our science focus this half term will be 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will explore what different habitats exist and what life looks like for the animals that inhabit them. This will be further explored in our trip to the Hancock Museum in Newcastle.

### PSHE/RSE

This half term children will be studying the topic 'Relationships'. They will be thinking about the importance of respecting themselves and others and will learn how they can do this.



### Geography



During this half term we will be exploring how climates differ around the World and how that impacts the humans and animals who live there. Children will revisit their learning of the seven continents and five oceans and will learn where the equator and poles are located.

### Computing

During this term we will be learning about digital photography. We will be thinking about how photography has changed with advances in technology, as well as how and why digital photography is used today.



### Art



Our topic 'Life In Colour' takes its inspiration from the nature around us. Children will explore the different colours, textures and patterns that exist around Bowburn and will use them to develop painting techniques and create a collage.

### Music

We will be looking at Jupiter this half term. The children will explore the instruments of the orchestra and descriptive music of the Romantic period through the theme of space, specifically Jupiter.



### RE



Our focus this half term will be 'What does it mean to belong?'. Children will consider what it means to belong to a community and will compare this with what it means to belong to a 'faith community'. They will compare similarities and differences between belonging to the Christian faith with being a Buddhist.



### Reminder...

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure children wear correct PE uniform as shown on the school website.

Homework/spellings will be given on a Friday to be complete and returned the following Wednesday.