

Binstead Primary School Curriculum  
Leaflet  
Year 2 Spring Term 1



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Welcome back to Year 2! I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and I wish everyone a happy new year! Once again, the Year 2 team would like to say a huge thank you for our Christmas cards and gifts.

This week, we have our special visit from Estelle Baker, a fantastic local historian.. The workshop links to our 'Monarchs' topic, and feeds in well to our upcoming topic all about the Titanic, with its focus on life under Queen Victoria.

As you are aware, the school has begun to change how any behaviour issues are reported. Just to be clear, for Key Stage One, staff will speak to parents in person for the Level One issues, and these will not be reported on Arbor. Otherwise, we will contact you by phone as usual, if necessary.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Dunford.

PE days remain on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## Maths

In this half term, we start by revisiting addition and subtraction. This has a focus on adding & subtracting two-digit and single digit numbers, using visual and practical support, and also number lines to practise counting. The children are developing some fluency in addition and subtraction facts to 20, and so any practise of this at home will help.

Alongside this, any practise of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s will support times table fluency. The children now have log-ins for TTRS, and 'Coconut Multiples' and 'Topmarks Maths' also have a range of free games that the children might like to play at home.

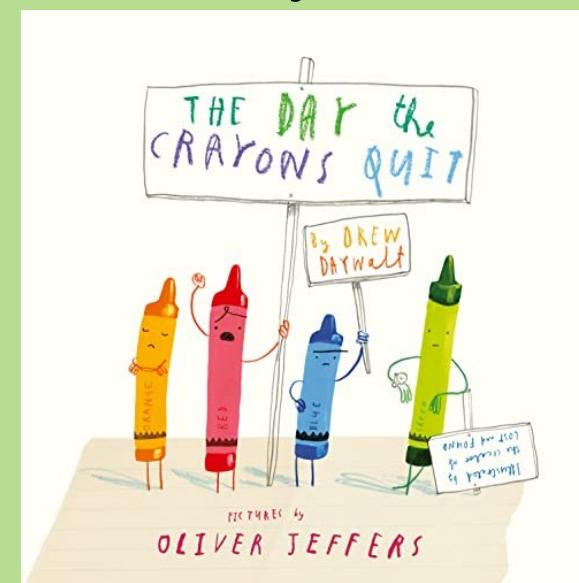
After this, we are learning to tell the time to the quarter hours,. Again, further practise of this at home will help greatly.

## English

We are already in full swing into our new text, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. This is a really fun book that the children are enjoying and we are using this to base our writing on. This includes writing letters of complaint, and replies to these letters. Moving forward, we will also use this book as basis for some poetry writing.

As always, the focus throughout all writing topics is to understand what a sentence is and needs, basic punctuation, spelling and handwriting, as well as the development of the range of vocabulary that the children are familiar with. All of these things can be supported and discussed whilst listening to them read at home, and this can make a big difference,

We are currently revising some of our spellings from Term 1, and will begin the next part of the spelling programme shortly.



## Curriculum

In Geography, the children will be comparing New York to life in Binstead, and this will include locating New York and exploring human and physical features.

In Design & Technology, we build on our previous Science learning all about the properties and suitability of materials, to design and build a waterproof boat.

In Science, we will explore the basic needs of humans, including correct diet, exercise and hygiene, as well as what animals need for survival.