

Welcome Back

Welcome to Spring 2! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for more exciting learning opportunities this half term.

Year 4's Spring 2 Learning:

English and Reading

This half term, our **core book** is '*Azzi in Between*' by Sarah Garland. The theme of our topic is people in need and how to help them. Children will develop a range of reading skills including making predictions and inferences using clues from the text, asking and answering questions, clarifying their understanding of words and phrases within a text and extending their vocabulary. We will make links with other books, the world around us and their own experiences, to extend our thinking and understanding. This will be combined with developing specific learning behaviours to improve our engagement and collaboration skills. In writing, we will focus on using persuasive language to create a persuasive letter and an appeal poster.

Maths

In Maths, children will be focusing on fractions and decimals. They will work on using their reasoning skills to solve problems, using both practical and pictorial resources to support them. They will also continue to work on linking their multiplication and division facts.

Science

Children will build on their knowledge of the human body. We will be learning about the features and functions of the skeleton and different muscles. We will also be looking at the importance and function of the main organs and the human digestive system. This will build upon their previous learning about animals and their diets.

Geography/History

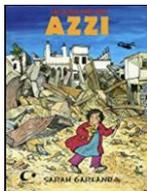
In Geography, we will locate different countries on a world map linked to our core text, and link this to disasters and conflicts that have taken place around the world. In History, children will be identifying conflicts from different time periods in the past and making links with other historical events.

RE

In RE, we will continue to develop our understanding of Islam, through exploring artefacts and by making links between the beliefs and practices of Muslims and what is also important in our own lives. Children will also be learning about why Easter is a time of mixed emotions for Christians and will be visiting our local church for an Easter workshop.

Spanish

Children will continue to develop their confidence in speaking and listening, holding simple conversations about themselves and their families in Spanish.



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Teachers:

Maple Class – Mr Byrne

Oak Class – Mrs Poole

Art/Design Technology

In Art, children will use technology to create digital art. They will also use different grades of pencil, charcoal and pastel to create different tones and textures in their observational drawings. We will create pictures to reflect different emotions.

PE

This term, we will focus on activities and games that will develop our ball skills further. We will focus on our skills of negotiation and collaboration, giving sensitive feedback and being able to receive feedback positively. We will also learn to be able to take on different roles in group games and mentor groups or individuals through a task.

Useful Information

PE Kit

Children will have PE every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled with their full name.

Reading Records and Passports

Please check your child's book bag for a reading diary, books and reading passport. The reading diary needs to be signed and handed in EVERY DAY, the same as the reading passport. **Please date and initial (not just tick)** their reading passport for every 5 minutes of reading inside the small box. Well done to those children who have already achieved their next reading level passports!

Water Bottles/Clothing

Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle and jumper.

Homework/Spellings/Handwriting

Children will be given a weekly Learning Log task, which must be handed in by the following Thursday. Weekly times tables and Spellings will be given out on Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday. We encourage children to take care in their presentation and joined handwriting. **Please encourage your child to consolidate their learning using *Prowise Learn* at home. You can also access any of our *Prowise Presenter* lessons from home if you require. This may help you to keep up to date on what your child has been learning.**

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th March 2020

Friday 6th March 2020

Friday 27th March 2020

TBC

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March (late)

World Book Day

Parent Reading Morning 8:45-9:15am

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Easter Workshop at Shirley Baptist Church

Spring Term Parents' Evenings