



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2026: Year 2



The children thoroughly enjoyed last term's topic of learning about Medieval Knights and Castles and how it has impacted on life in England. They particularly enjoyed designing and creating their own hand puppets in this theme. This term we will be exploring the continent of Africa, with comparisons being made between The Gambia and the UK. Miss Pearson, Mrs Allen, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Nash, Miss Southall and Mrs Riley are all looking forward to the summer term ahead.

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In the Summer Term, the children will continue exploring fiction, non-fiction and poetry in Guided Reading lessons and developing their comprehension skills.</p> <p>In writing, the children will be learning how to write riddles, their own traditional African tale inspired by the Tinga Tinga tales, their own journey story and an explanation text.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>This term we look forward to developing your child's understanding money, along with finding fractions of shapes and amounts. They will also be exploring the topics of statistics, position and direction. They will continue to develop their number skills when working with the four operations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>This term we will be learning more about plants and animals and the topic of variation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>The children will explore music from African culture by learning a traditional African Song and composing their own Call and Response song.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PSHE (RSE)</p> <p>This term the children will be learning about keeping safe inside and outside of school, along with exploring how they can contribute to the wider world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art/DT</p> <p>In Art the children will be exploring the technique of Adinkra printing and will create their own designs. In DT, the children will be designing and making their own African salad.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>Our PE topics will be taught on Mondays and Fridays (2AP) and Wednesdays and Fridays (2P). We will be focusing on invasion skills, yoga, dance and athletics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>In RE the children will be learning about the religion of Islam, exploring prayer, worship and the origins of the religion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Geography/History</p> <p>In the first half-term our focus will be on the geography of Africa. In the second half-term, we will focus on the history of travel and transport.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>In Computing, the children will explore coding using simple algorithms.</p>

Helping at Home

Help at home is greatly appreciated. In addition to supporting your child with their weekly homework and spellings, below are some ideas of how you can further support your child's enjoyment, achievement and learning:

- Read each night, asking your child key comprehension and inference questions.
- Learning their times tables - 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. (Hit the button is a great game to play on the Top Marks website)

Class Page Link: [Year 2 | Straits Primary School](https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/year-2)

Knowledge Organisers Link: <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/knowledge-organisers/>

As you can see, it promises to be an exciting term and we look forward to seeing the children flourish as they enjoy, achieve and learn! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

	Reading	Spelling	Maths	Additional (optional) Tasks
Homework Plan Year 2	Every child will be encouraged to read up to 3 times a week. (Books changed on a Monday)	A set of spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday.	My Maths weekly activity (tasks set each Wednesday) https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login TT Rockstars https://trockstars.com/	Online resources available on the Year 2 Class page Numbots https://numbots.com/

