







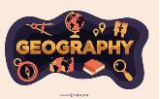


Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2026



Welcome back, and I wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. I am looking forward to the term ahead and have planned a range of exciting topics. This newsletter outlines our learning for the Spring term.

Topic: 'Oh the places we will go!'

 <p>Fiction Lost and found Making predictions. Using description. Story mapping & story-telling.</p>	 <p>Healthy me Plants</p>	 <p>Moving vehicles Mars Rover Miro & Kenojuak Ashevak Sculpture and surrealism</p>	 <p>Swimming Gym - routine and skills development & using equipment Tri-golf</p>	 <p>Exploring instruments - with a focus on beat and rhythm. Space music!</p>
<p>Comparing characters, diary writing & dialogue</p> <p>Lights on Cotton Rock Imaginative writing and newspaper reports</p> <p>Poetry / Poetic language Space poetry Rhyming and simile focus</p> <p>Non-Fiction The Emperor's egg Explanation text Ice trap Recount writing Biographies & Fact files Neil Armstrong / Ernest Shackleton</p>	 <p>Events in history study - Expedition to Antarctica & the moon landing</p> <p>Famous people study - Ernest Shackleton & NASA moon landing crew.</p>	<p>COMPUTING</p> <p>Data handling Pictograms</p> <p>Programming and control Robot algorithms</p>	 <p>Using geographical skills & comparing regions North Pole vs South Pole</p> <p>Weather patterns UK & North / South Pole</p>	<p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</p> <p>Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?</p> <p>How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?</p>

 <p>Measures - Mass, capacity and temperature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare mass • Measure in grams • Measure in kilograms • Four operations with mass • Compare volume and capacity • Measure in millilitres • Measure in litres • Four operations with volume and capacity • Read and compare temperature <p>Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count money - pence • Count money - pounds (notes and coins) • Count money - pounds and pence • Choose notes and coins • Make the same amount • Compare amounts of money • Calculate with money • Make a pound • Find change • Two-step problems 	<p>Measures - Height & length</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure in centimetres • Measure in metres • Compare lengths and heights • Order lengths and heights • Four operations with lengths and heights <p>Number - Multiplication & Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise equal groups • Make equal groups • Add equal groups • Introduce the multiplication symbol • Multiplication sentences • Use arrays • Make equal groups - grouping • Make equal groups - sharing • The 2 times-table • Divide by 2 • Doubling and halving • Odd and even numbers • The 10 times-table • Divide by 10 • The 5 times-table • Divide by 5 • The 5 and 10 times-tables
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Learning at home

Home learning menu

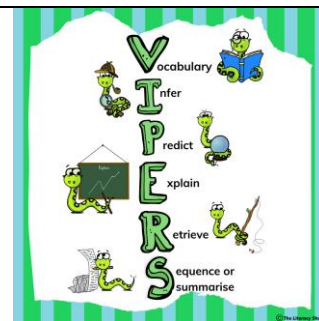
Home learning menus will be given to the children at the start of each term. Children are expected to complete four tasks over the half term.

Tasks can be completed in any order. Once a task is completed, it should be handed in by Thursday of that week.

Reading

Parents are asked to hear their child read at least four times a week, and ideally every day. Please record each reading session in your child's reading record.

When listening to your child read, remember to ask questions about the text. This helps to develop both their understanding and reading fluency. Questions can be asked before, during, and after reading and may be based on the VIPERS question styles.



Extra Support



In school, we will continue to build on our times tables knowledge, with a particular focus on the 2- and 5-times tables. We will be using Times Tables Rock Stars in school to support this learning.

Logins are in your child's contact book and I would encourage all children to give it a try 😊. Please encourage your child to play 'Garage' mode, as this has teacher-set targets. It is also set to automatic progress, which means that as your child's speed in recalling tables improves, they will be given more challenging questions. This will also include division calculations.

We will continue with our weekly spelling tests. While the spellings are practised in school, extra practice at home really helps to build confidence. Each spelling list is linked to a Spelling Shed assignment, which is a fun and engaging way for children to learn their spellings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's day please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ford by writing a note in your child's contact book or send an email to the class email at yeartwo@high-firs.kent.sch.uk
- Please limit the items your child brings into school to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, reading and contact books. Remember to label all your children's items clearly.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test	PE	Swimming	Mrs Verge will be teaching Year 2	