



## Spring 2

### It's Electrifying



**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

We would like to say a huge welcome back to all of our Year 2 children and we hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We are very excited about the new half term and we can't wait to start learning about our great new topics! Please take this opportunity to have a browse at our curriculum overview for the new half term. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

**Miss Ward (Birch) and Mrs Fielding (Elm)**

**In Reading** we will be learning how to pronounce sounds in unfamiliar words and develop our fluency. We will also be learning how to ask and answer questions about a text using lots of skills like predicting the plots and finding facts in non-fiction. We will be beginning to infer details about characters from texts in narrative.

**In Writing** we will be learning how to write persuasive texts using fairy tales/traditional tales with a twist. Additionally, we will be looking at creating adverts, developing our persuasive language and understanding how this can influence people.

**In Mathematics** we will be focussing on data handling. We will interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block graphs and simple tables. We will also learn to answer simple questions about totalling and comparing categorical data. Half way through the term we will switch our focus to geometry and learn all about the properties of shape, including identifying and describing 2D shapes including the number of sides vertical lines of symmetry.

**In Science** we will be learning and identifying common appliances that run on electricity. We will also look at constructing simple electrical circuits looking at the various components which are needed to run them effectively. The children will also explore the dangers around electricity and what we can do to help keep ourselves safe.

**In Art** we will be designing and creating a sculpture, using techniques such as rolling, cutting, moulding and carving. As inspiration we will use the work of Dale Chihuly and Andy Goldsworthy.

**In PSHE** we will learn how to understand ourselves and others. We will explain our ideas, and how to respond to an issue. We will learn how to recognise other people's feelings and how to play nicely with others.

**In Computing** we will learn how to create and analyse simple lines of code within computer programmes. Children will create algorithms and look at various types of code, identifying the errors within the code and then find a solution.

**In RE** we will be learning about Islam describing some of the teachings and beliefs of believers. We will also look at some important artifacts and festivals.

**In PE** we will learn how to apply striking a ball and tactics in a simple team game. We will also be learning how to develop simple sequences in gymnastics. We will learn how to use equipment and stay safe during balances and travelling. We will be learning to understand how to control our core muscles to help strengthen our bodies.

**Please NB\***

- **Full school uniform is expected of all children every day. This includes their 'Always' badge. Please see the school website for a full list of uniform or speak to a member of staff if you are unsure.**
- **P.E Will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday this half term. Please send your child to school with their full kit on these days.**
- **We expect the children to be reading at home at least 3 times a week! The children who are doing this have shown consistent progress and in most cases have moved up a book band- so thank you!**
- **'Boundary Learning Together' projects will be sent out on the first day of the half term and are expected back in for the final week of term. Weekly maths and English will be sent out on a Friday and are expected back in on the Wednesday of the following week.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

