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# Curriculum Newsletter – Year 2

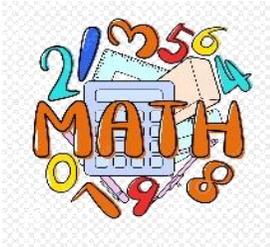
## Spring 2

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Self-Discipline**

Dear Families,  
We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

### Maths

In our maths lessons, we will be focusing our learning on multiplication and division. We will learn how to draw arrays and use them to help solve calculations. We will begin to practise our times tables (2,5, and 10) We will also start learning about fractions – both of shapes and numbers. We will learn how to cut things into half, quarters and thirds and use a bar model to help find fractions of numbers.



### English

#### Reading

In reading, we will be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We will re-read these texts several times to aim to build up our fluency and pace. We will be talking about any unknown words in the text to help us to build up our vocabulary and using evidence in the text to answer questions.

#### Writing

In our writing, we will be using the texts- So you think you've got it bad? A Kid's life in a medieval castle, and Lincoln Castle- The Medieval Story to inspire us, as well as our History learning. We will be writing about the day in the life of different people who lived in a medieval castle. We will also write a recount of our Lincoln Castle trip. We will be challenging the children to include commas, apostrophes and exclamation marks in their writing, and to use a range of different sentence types including compound sentences, question sentences, command and statement sentences.

### Science



In Science, we will be learning about animals and humans, how they grow and keep healthy. We will be looking at some common animal life cycles. We will think about the basic needs of humans including healthy eating, exercise and keeping clean. We will look at how we can eat healthily, include exercise in our lives on a regular basis, and how to ensure we keep our bodies clean e.g. through washing our hands correctly. We will think about what an animal needs to survive, including food, water and air.

### PSHE

In PSHE this term as part of our gender and relationship education, we will be continuing to explore the question – are we all the same? Children will begin by looking at the human lifecycle and thinking about how they have changed since being a baby. They will explore different needs and wants during each stage of the lifecycle and will begin to identify that people have different needs and require different types of care. Children will learn about different types of families and how their homelife is special.





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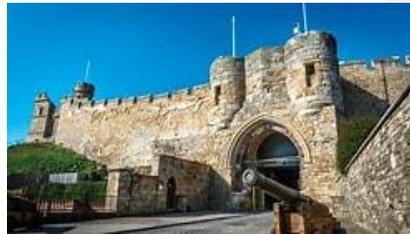
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### PE

In PE we will be learning about both ball skills and invasion games. We will be thinking about how we can roll a ball to hit a target and how to stop a rolling ball. We will learn how to dribble a ball with our hands and feet, as well as kicking and throwing and catching skills. We will learn about defending and attacking skills. We will think about what possession in an invasion game means and how we can support our teammates. We will learn about scoring goals as an attacking skill and marking and stopping goals as defending skills.

### History

In History we will be learning about all the amazing buildings in Lincoln. We are all very excited about our trip to the castle and hope to be able to share what we have learnt at our class assembly. We will learn about a medieval castle and all the people who lived there.



### DT

This term we will be learning about structures and stability before we design and make our very own throne fit for a king. We will learn how to fold or roll paper to make the strongest tubes that we can. Once our chairs are made, we will test their stability and strength by seeing how much each chair can hold!



### Computing

In Computing this term, we will be learning about algorithms using Beebots and Scratch Jnr. We will plan routes for the Beebot, test our plans and then debug where needed to send the Beebot on the correct journey around a map.

In Scratch Jnr, we will learn about sprites and how to change them. We will create different backgrounds and make our sprite move, change size and spin.

Scratch Jnr and the Beebot app are available free on the Google Play store and the Apple App store.

### World Views

In World Views this term, we will be learning about Islam and Sikhism. We will learn about our local Muslim community, our local mosque and the role of the Imam there in the community. We will look at what makes a good leader. We will then look at leaders in the Sikh faith. We will learn about the work of Shaykh Abdal-Hakim Murad – a Muslim leader, and Maharajah Duleep Singh who was a leader of the Sikh Empire. We will learn about the role of gurus as Sikh leaders. We will draw all of our learning together to think about what challenges leaders might face.

