

# Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2024

## YEAR 2: Mrs Emmerson & Mrs Bakes



### Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. This half-term, we are excited about all the new learning that will be happening in Year 2. It will be another action packed half-term and we thank you for your continued support.

**English:** To engage and motivate the children, we will be using inspiration from the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, to help us write a setting description using expanded noun phrases and question sentences. We will also be learning about the features of poetry using inspiration from the 'Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry' by Brian Patten.

**Maths:** In Maths, this half-term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division and solving problems using arrays, repeated addition and mental methods. We will learn that multiplication can be done in any order and division cannot.

**Science:** Why do animals live in different places?

**Geography:** What is it like to live in a village in Africa?

**PSHCE:** What jobs do people do?

**RE:** How and why do people pray?

**DT: Moving Monsters** - Create functional linkages that produce the desired input and output motions, design monsters suitable for children and select and assemble materials to create their planned monster.

**Computing: Online safety** - Safer Internet Day

**PE: Gymnastics** - Create their own short sequence using shapes and travelling, work with a partner to make different shapes and travel using different parts of their body at different levels.

**Music: African Call and Response** - Use tempo, dynamics and timbre in their piece, play either a call and/or response role in time with another pupil and perform their composition

### Key Dates

**Back to school:** Monday 8th January 2024

**Children's Mental Health Week:** W/C 5th February 2024

**Safer Internet Day:** Tuesday 6th February 2024

**Break up for half term:** Friday 9th February 2024

### Reminders

**Reading Books:** Please can books be returned to school with Home School Diaries on a **Thursday**.

PE will be on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in the correct PE kit on these days.