

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the curriculum newsletter – we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break!
Here you will find lots of information about your child's learning.

History

For our History topic this half term, we are going to be looking into the life of Nelson Mandela, significant events that happened, linking to him, during his lifetime and the impact he had on the world today. We will be finding out who Nelson Mandela was and why he was so significant.

DT

In DT we are going to be designing, making and playing African instruments with a focus on the Kalimba.

Project Homework

Our homework will be project based this year. The '**Homework Menu**' is on the back of this newsletter and it included lots of with information about possible projects The aim is to encourage your child to research and access homework for their own learning style. Your child will be expected to hand in one homework project every half term. Please see the Homework Menu for more details.

Reading

Every Friday, your child will be given a new RWInc reading book to bring home. Can you please encourage them to read this regularly and then write in their planner to so that they have done so. If your child reads 3 times in a week, they will receive a stamp in their planner and a class reward.

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 8th January** Return to school.
- **Friday 2nd February** Children to dress up as rock stars to launch TT Rockstar Day in Y2.
- **Thursday 8th February** Stay and Maths session.



HOMEWORK MENU

Our History topic this half term is linked to Nelson Mandela. We would like you to complete the following learning projects at home:

In Science this half term, we are continuing to investigate different materials and their uses. Can you make a material monster using materials you can find at home.



Create a collage of the continent of Africa using different materials you might have at home. Can you include any rivers, mountains etc?



Research Nelson Mandela. Can you create a biography or fact file to show what you have found out? Can you incorporate some interesting facts about his life and what he achieved?



The choice of task is yours, choose wisely and we look forward to seeing your projects. If you need any help or advice on your project, just ask. It might be a good idea to ask your grown up to help you as well.