



**PURLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SPRING TERM 2026**



**This term our topic will be:**  
**SAINTS AND DRAGONS!**



This half term in Year 2 we are beginning a new topic called **Saints and Dragons**. After all of the history we covered last term, this term's topic will be geography- based; the children will learn about the four capital cities in the United Kingdom and their geographical features. They will also hear about the patron saints for the countries of the United Kingdom.

Our **Science** learning this term will centre on the theme of **Everyday Materials**. We will be investigating the properties of materials and relating these to their uses. There will be opportunities to find out about scientists who have developed new materials, such as Charles Macintosh and John Boyd Dunlop, and we will explore recycling.

As part of our **English** work this term, we will study stories involving fantasy and in particular those containing dragons, using a growing range of vocabulary in our own writing. There will be opportunities to recite and remember poetry and we will write our own poems based on a given structure. Our reading will centre around the book *The Moon Dragons* by Dyan Sheldon. Within work on spelling, punctuation and grammar, we will continue to practise spelling strategies, using alternative spellings for the same sound and investigating spelling patterns and conventions, including the use of suffixes such as ed, -ing, -er and -est. We will consolidate our learning about contractions and will learn to recognise and use the possessive apostrophe with growing confidence and accuracy. We will use a growing number of grammatical terms correctly.

**Reminders of the key skills with which you can help your child:**

**Times Tables Practice:** I suggest starting with 10x before moving to 2x and 5x. Children can ask to be tested on these at school whenever they feel ready. Remember the link to Hit the Button on our Class Page as this will help with number facts. I will send home a login for TT Rockstars this half term.

**Spellings Practice:** These can be found in your child's Reading Record each week. Please remember to go back and pick out spellings from previous weeks in order to reinforce the learning and keep the spelling patterns fresh.

**Daily Reading:** As well as listening to your children read, it is important to read books to them at a level above that which they can read by themselves. Model reading with pace, fluency, intonation and expression and remember to discuss aspects of books too. Children will be encouraged at school to read regularly with adults at home in order to earn their reading awards.

During **Maths**, the children will continue to develop their mastery of skills using White Rose Maths. They will begin learning about **multiplication and division as well as money**. In order to do this they will use a range of visual models to reinforce their understanding. The children will continue to expand their use and understanding of key mathematical vocabulary and they will also continue to practise mental arithmetic skills daily.

In **Art** sessions this term, the children will have opportunities to recreate the national flowers of the UK using different media and will learn how to create prints. They will carry out a study of the artist Georgia

O’Keeffe, creating their own work in response to what they see and discover. The children will also be using clay to make a dragon. For **DT**, the children will be joining textiles, developing their sewing skills in a group task to produce some bunting.

Internet safety will be reinforced throughout **Computing** sessions. The children will understand the different methods of communication and will continue to use **ICT** as part of their daily learning, using computers to research their topic and to publish work. They will continue to work on extending their understanding and use of coding. Following their work on digital photographs, the children will experiment with creating digital music.

We will use the NATRE Scheme for **R.E.** and sessions will focus on **Who is a Muslim and how do they live?** as well **Why does Easter matter to Christians?** They will learn about the importance for Muslims of prayer before understanding how Christians worship in the build-up to Easter.

**P.E.** will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Long hair should be tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, removed, thank you.

### **Homework**

Please see the Year 2 Spring Term homework document.

Children should continue to read at home on a daily basis and to practise times tables and number facts. Thank you in advance for your support.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child’s time in Class 2, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to discuss these with me. I can be contacted via the school office or by e-mail on [year2@purleigh.essex.sch.uk](mailto:year2@purleigh.essex.sch.uk)

Thank you,  
Mr. Coker