



Year 2 Homework Overview: Spring 1

English

What are we learning at school?

Our first English unit will be **Explanations**. We will be focusing on using the **correct tense**, using **conjunctions** in our writing and using a **heading, subheadings and features of non-fiction writing** in our explanations. We will then learn about **Different stories by the same author (Francesca Simon)**. We will develop lots of skills to help us write a story about Horrid Henry!



What could you do at home?

Each week you will be able to choose a piece of homework from the homework grid. You will be expected to **practise your weekly spellings, read your reading book daily, complete activities** in your **reading diary** or **contribute to our class blog**. Why not log into Rising stars <https://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> using your blog log in/your date of birth for the password and read a colour banded book? You could also visit the library and read some Francesca Simon books! Use this website to research: <http://www.francescasimon.com/>

Science

What are we learning at school?

Our Science unit this half term is **Growing Up**. We will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will also be able to describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).



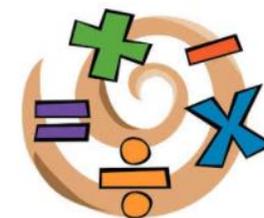
What could you do at home?

Use this link to research: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zx38wmn>
Why not visit the library and choose a baby animal to research? Find some of your baby photos. How have you changed?

Maths

What are we learning at school?

In Maths this half term we will be identifying and describing the properties of 2D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line. We will compare and sort common 2D shapes.



What could you do at home?

Each week you will be set a piece of homework to support the previous week's learning. This homework may be completed in the **homework books, posted on the blog** <http://www.broadheath.coventry.sch.uk/> or be available on Education City or Purple Mash.

Play Year 2 Maths games on Education City.

Have a look for shapes around your home. Are they 2D or 3D? Can you list the properties?

History

What are we learning at school?

Our Topic this half term is **Famous People**. We will be focusing on famous people from history such as Florence Nightingale and also some important people today, including the Queen & the Prime Minister. We will be learning about why they are famous and how they have shaped the world today.



What could you do at home?

Use this website to research a famous person and create a project about them. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/famous-people/zdgdscw>
You could create a poster, a document or presentation on the computer, a fact file, a portrait... be creative!

PSHE: Our SEAL unit this half term is **Citizenship**. We will be learning to how to be a good citizen. The children will also be using their creative skills to produce a class piece of artwork.

Computing: Our Computing unit this half term is **I Am an Animator**. The focus will be on learning how to animate using Stop Motion.

SMSC: This term in SMSC, the children will be preparing for their Chinese New Year assembly.

Music: Our Music unit this half term will be **'Taking Off'** and we will be learning about musical notation and composition.

PE: Our PE units this half term will be **Gym** and **Swimming**.