

Year One and Two Spring Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas Holiday and that you are all refreshed and ready for the onset of Spring!

Much of the work for the coming term will be based around our theme of Fabulous Fables and Traditional Tales (please see the attached Mind Map).

In Literacy we will be looking at traditional tales and well known fables, descriptive writing, story writing, instructional writing, character profiles, letter writing, poetry and rhyme. The Literacy work will be based around texts including 'The Town Mouse and Country Mouse', 'The Lion Inside', 'The Tale of the Castle Mice', 'The Runaway Chapatti' and 'The Gingerbread Man.' In Year 2 the children need to be using dictionaries and thesauruses in order to develop and extend their vocabulary. In line with end of year expectations in Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar, children will be focusing on nouns, verbs, and adjectives, the use of subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions and using a range of punctuation correctly throughout all of their writing.

In keeping with Supersonic Phonic Friends your child will continue to bring a book home on a Friday that they have been reading during the week in Phonics lessons. This will help them to continue to develop their skills of reading with fluency and automaticity. Your child may also choose a reading for pleasure book to share with you at home, which they can choose from our genre sections in the classroom. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in listening to your child read regularly. This is invaluable and your child's progress is supported by your efforts. Get Set Read will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon and your child is welcome to bring in a book of their choice or a Kindle to read during this session. If your child does bring in a Kindle they will need to hand it to their class teacher on arrival at school in the morning.

Spelling tests will continue to happen on a Tuesday in both year groups. When practising spellings with your child at home please use the say, look, cover, write, check strategy. We use this strategy in school and we find that the children retain their spellings for a longer period of time. In Year 2 your child will also continue to write a sentence for each spelling to put it into context as this also helps them to retain their spelling words.

In Numeracy, Year 1 will be looking at number and place value within 50, addition and subtraction, money, measurement, and problem solving. In Year 2 the children will be focusing on multiplication and division, money, Length and height, mass, capacity and temperature and problem solving. Both classes will continue to do Weekly Arithmetic tests to help the children further develop their skills of calculating at speed and daily Number Sense sessions to aid fluency and recall.

Children need to wear their P.E. Kits to school on their set P.E. days. These will be Mondays and Tuesdays in both classes. We would also like the children to bring in a spare pair of old trainers or wellington boots to be kept in school for when we do our Lilleshall Explorer Walks.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us on our class emails or by phoning the school.

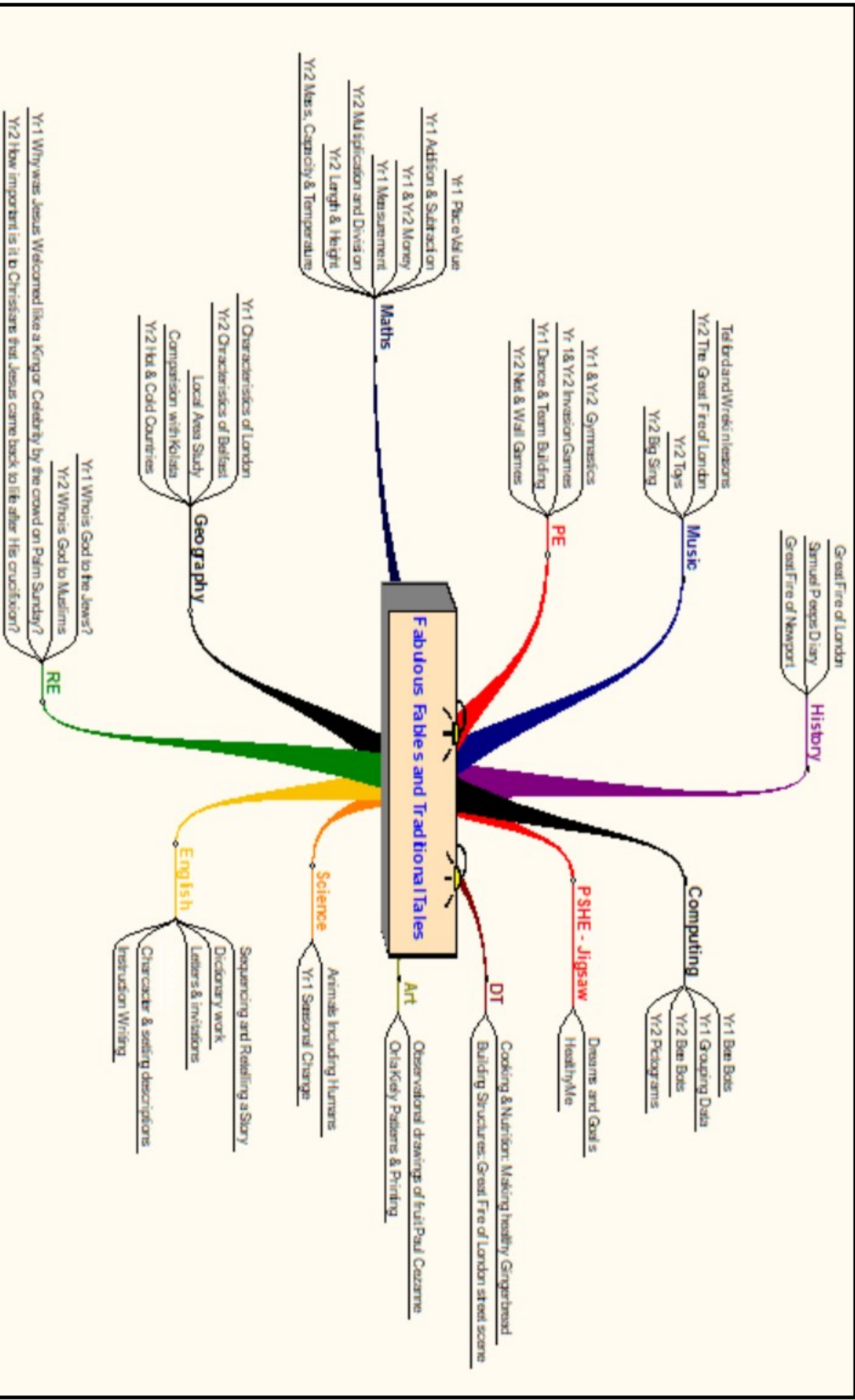
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Yours sincerely,

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Class Teachers



Yr 1 Why was Jesus Welcomed like a King? Celebrated by the crowd on Palm Sunday?
 Yr 2 How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion?