

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Spring Term 2 - 2026

Year Two

This half term our theme is...

Communication Then and Now



Welcome to the second half term of the Spring term. We hope the children have had an exciting and restful half term! Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing working together this term.

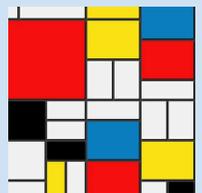
We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?



Our topic this half term is 'Communication Then and Now'. Throughout our topic we will be learning about how people communicated in the past and compare this to how we communicate now. We will be learning about how communication has progressed over the past 100 years.

In Art, we will be learning about primary colours and how these can be mixed to make secondary colours. We will use our knowledge about primary colours to make artwork inspired by the famous artist of Mondrian.



During our Computing lessons, we will be learning how to programme an algorithm. In PSHE, we will be learning about money; what it is, what we use it for and how to look after it. RE will focus on the religion of Christianity and how Christians live in their faith families.

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on fitness and target games. These lessons will continue to be on a **Thursday**.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This term we will have a session from The 2 Johns. This will help the children understand how to use the internet safely.

In the Summer term, we will be visiting The Chelmsford Museum to further embed our learning from this half term.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, please make sure you read together at least **5 times** a week. Please encourage your child to do their AR quiz, once they have finished each book.

There will be Spellings to learn as well as Maths and Reading Comprehension activities to complete in their CGP homework book on alternate weeks. Your child also has access to Times Tables Rockstars which they can access and use to practise their times tables! We would love for the children to participate in our regular SumDog competitions, where they will have the chance to earn a certificate.

We also encourage your child to use Nessy, where they can reinforce reading and maths skills.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

Things to do:

Make a time capsule. Put some items in a box that would remind you of your life now. Bury the box and don't open it for 5 or 10 years!

Look at this list and write them out in time order:

Telephone
Smoke signals
Email
Smart phone
Telegraph
Letter.

Draw a picture of each.

Find different phones from the first invention to now. Write or draw them on a timeline.

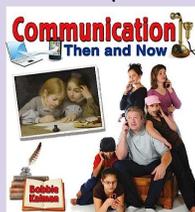
Visit the Science Museum to take a closer look at how people used to communicate.

Books to read:

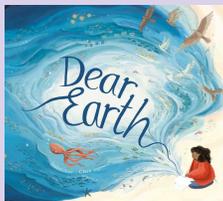
Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?



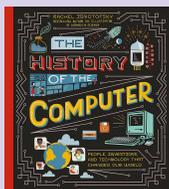
Communication (Then and Now)



Communication Then and Now
(From Olden Days to Modern Ways
in Your Community)



Dear Earth



The History of the Computer

Things to watch:

BBC have several videos that explain about the past and present:

- Find out about the 'Digital Revolution' [here](#).
- Learn about the life and work of Alexander Graham Bell [here](#).
- Explore the history of the telephone [here](#).
- How was the telegraph invented? Find out [here](#).
- Learn about a different type of communication [here](#). You will find out all about morse code.