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Year 2 Spring 1 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Spring half term, our topic is: **What makes Stoke special?**

Our topic will focus on thinking about Stoke-on-Trent and what makes us special. We look at what we can see here, what we can eat here and what we can do here.

Our **Key Knowledge Points (KKPs)** for the half term are:

- Differentiate between things that were here 100 years ago and things that were not (including buildings, tools, toys, etc).
- Know about an event or events that happened long ago, even before their grandparents were born
- Know how materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching
- Know why a material might or might not be used for a specific job
- Draw conclusions from fair tests and explain what has been found out
- Identify the following physical features: mountain, lake, island, valley, river, cliff, forest and beach.

KKPs are the learning that we aim for our children to know and understand. They are taught through our Creative Curriculum.

- Reading: we ask that you read with your child each night and make a note in their diary with regards to how they have read. To help your child develop their reading skills, we recommend that they read each book at least twice and answer any questions about what they have read to secure their understanding and comprehension. Books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and this is completed by an adult. We ask that you write "book finished" when children complete so that we know to change.
- Every Monday your child will also bring home a set of spellings which they should complete daily. These need to be completed as on Friday we will have a spelling test on these words. Please keep your spellings in the plastic wallet and we ask that the front sheet stays with them.
- We have given out TT Rockstars passwords. Please use this to support your home learning. The children will also be bringing home times table books and having a focus on it each year.
- PE- please ensure that your child's complete labelled PE kit is in school daily. PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- No jewellery is to be worn for PE; Earrings should be removed if possible, if not they should be covered with plasters that are provided by home.



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Questions	Where do we get our name from?	What Potters made the Potteries?	How did the unsinkable ship sink?	Why was the spitfire so important?	What made the Wizard of Dribble an Inspiration?	Which famous Singers from Stoke could have the X Factor?
Ninja Vocab	Local	City	Kiln	Artefacts	Valley	Algorithms
Maths	Number and place value	Measures Capacity and Volume	Geometry 2D and 3D shape	Measures Money	Multiplication & Division	Multiplication & Division
Jigsaw PSHE	Goals to success	My learning strengths (perseverance)	Learning with others	A group challenge	E Safety Week	Continuing our group challenge (Piece 5) and Celebrating our achievement (share success)

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please come and speak to us, we are usually available at the end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bloor, Miss Lees, Mrs Pollock and Mrs Greensmith.

