

Year 2 Summer 2019 Newsletter



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what will hopefully be a sunny Summer Term. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and that the children are rested and looking forward to the new term ahead. We're sure that the new topics and activities will provide interest and challenge for the children. We're also looking forward to taking the children to Penshurst Place as part of our Houses and Homes topic.

SATS

During the month of May, the children will be taking end of Key Stage 1 assessment tasks. These will all be part of normal classroom procedure and will help to inform our judgements, alongside ongoing teacher assessment which will be included in your child's end of year report.

Curriculum

English

This term our Literacy focus will include:

Fiction - planning and writing stories, describing characters and settings, writing comprehension tasks, poetry – appreciation and writing.

Non-fiction – layout of non-fiction texts, including labels, diagrams, headings, sub-headings, bullet points, contents, index etc; book reviews, dictionary skills, making a book. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting, drama and guided reading will all continue to take place on a regular basis. This term we will be focusing on commas, apostrophes, suffixes and prefixes, and using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to join clauses in sentences.

Art – This term we will be looking at different artists, learning about them and their style of painting.

Music - Mr Roddy will continue to teach singing every Tuesday and we are hoping to be able to invite you all to a concert in the church near the end of term.



Science – Our topics this term are 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Plants'.

Geography – 'Locational Knowledge – Comparing two locations in the UK' and 'Houses and Homes'. Later in the term we hope to take the children on a walk around the local area, looking at the different types of houses.

DT – Linked to our topic on Houses and Homes, we will be making a 'room' using a shoebox – Please start saving shoe boxes now!

RE – Christianity – what is the holy book for Christians, stories that Jesus told and special things – religious artefacts found in people's home.

Computing – 'We are Detectives', using Excel and sending emails.

PE – Dance and Athletics

Maths

The children will cover a range of work as detailed below. Maths homework will sometimes be given to support work undertaken in the classroom.

This term we will be focusing on telling the time, position and direction, reading scales, revision of answering two-part questions, the four operations, fractions and shape. In addition we will be looking at all of these aspects through problem solving and open ended investigations.

A weekly breakdown can be found on the school website (see the parents' tab – year group, Year Two) which is updated each week.

Homework

- Spellings – these will continue to be sent home at the start of term and tested on a Friday.
- Homework – the children will be set other work on Fridays to be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Library

The children will continue to borrow books from the School library **every week**. Mrs Belben's class will visit every Wednesday and Mrs Auburn/Mrs Bradshaw's class will visit every Thursday. It is really important that children bring their books to school to change regularly so that everyone can have access to the more popular books.

Reading Books

Children in 2BA will continue to change their reading books on **Wednesday**.

Please note that books for children in 2B will now be changed on a **Friday**.

It is very important that they have both their reading record and books in their book bag **every day** as Guided Reading and individual Reading take place on different days. As books are held centrally, it makes it very difficult to change reading books on other days.

We really value any comments and feedback regarding school books and any other books that the children are reading.

P.E.

Please could you ensure that your child has their full kit in school **every** day and that everything is named at the start of the new school term. PE will initially be on Monday and Thursdays for 2BA and on Tuesdays and Fridays for 2B this term.

Aprons

We know that this has been included in previous newsletters but there are many children who still do not have either an old shirt or overall or an apron in school. Art is a regular lesson and these sessions can be messy!

Drinks

With the warm weather approaching, please ensure that your child has a *named* plastic

water bottle (*sports-cap type*) in school every day. This can be refilled in school whenever necessary.

Resources

Please bring in any old shoe boxes by half term for our DT project.

Finally...

Many thanks for all your help in these areas. Please remember if you have any queries we are always happy to talk to you after school.

Yours sincerely,

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