

Year 2 Newsletter - Summer 2017

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Welcome back to your child's final term in Year 2. During the Summer Term, we will continue to offer a wide range of learning activities for you child including final Key Stage 1 assessments and the Year 2 concert. This is always a busy term for and the children will need to be in school at all times so that they do not miss crucial learning, work and events.

Summer Term 1

Our topic this half term is 'Flowers and Insects' where we will be learning all about the lives and features of different plants and animals, including many that live within the ground of the school itself!



We will investigate:

- Where flowers and insects prefer to live and why.
- How seeds and plants grow.
- The different parts of plants and insects.
- The lifecycles of insects.

SummerTerm 2

After the half term, our second topic is 'Hooray, Lets go on Holiday' where we will learn all about the different types of holidays you can go on.



We will be:

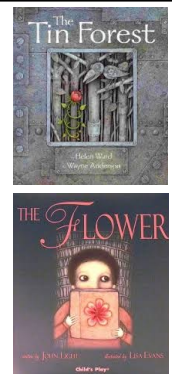
- Looking at similarities and differences between different holiday destinations.
- Locate countries on a world map.
- Look at the weather in different countries.
- Learn about holidays from the past and how they have changed.

ENGLISH

During this term our English lessons will be linked to our topics. We will be teaching children how to write a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres such as persuasive and discursive writing, story writing and poems.

In writing this term, we will be focusing on writing clear and accurate sentences, making sure that we are able to use a range of punctuation and grammatical rules correctly. We will also be learning how to structure longer pieces of writing and continuing to use 'Talk for Writing' techniques to help build up our knowledge and understanding of different sentence types and their roles in writing.

Our core texts this term are 'The Flower' by John Light and 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward.



Maths

Over the term we will be continuing to focus on all four calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Maths lessons will also be linked to our topic work, where we will be sorting clothes for different types of holidays, measuring the temperature using a thermometer and calculating distances for trips and holidays. We will also be increasing focusing on mental maths approaches.

Useful maths websites:

BBC BITESIZE - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

Topmarks- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=8>

Woodlands- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

Primary Interactive- <http://www.primaryinteractive.co.uk/maths.htm>

Crick- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

RE As part of our work in RE this term, we will be learning about who influences our lives and what ways religious places are important to believers.



ART Children will be carrying out observational drawings of plants and insects as well as seaside objects. They will also be drawing sea creatures and making souvenirs out of clay.



PE

Please make sure children bring the appropriate P.E. kit for both indoor and outdoor activities. Make sure all pieces of clothing are labelled with your child's full name and kept in school in a drawstring bag.



Home Learning

In Year 2, children will be given a home learning activity each week to support, prepare for or reinforce their work in class. Usually their home learning will be linked to either English, Maths or their current topic. They will also get a reading task as well as a handwriting and spelling activity. **In addition to this, children are expected to read every day for at least 10 minutes to an adult. Children will be rewarded in class for reading at home. Parents/Carers must sign in their reading journal book.**



Helping with reading

Reading is a vital skill. To help inspire and aid the children in their own reading we are looking for several parent volunteers to come into school regularly to read to and with pupils in Year 2. You don't need to be an expert or a teacher, just someone who enjoys reading and could share this enjoyment with others! If you would like to offer your time to help our school in this way, please do speak to one of the Year 2 teachers, as we'd love to hear from you.



Visitors If any of the children's Grandparents would like to come in to speak to the children and share their memories and photos of holidays taken in the past, please speak to your child's class teacher.



ICT Children will be learning about how to create photo stories. The children will take photos and upload to create their own videos by adding text, looking at timing per photo and adding background music. We will also be carrying out some programming activities to create our own games set in a seaside setting.



SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) This term we are looking at the following areas as part of our on-going programme of SRE within the school. Our topics are:

- Keeping Clean
- Personal Space
- Knowing when to keep a secret

Although closely linked to the science of P.S.H.E curriculum, SRE will be taught in discreet lessons, as outlined in the policy agreed by the Governing Body.

Every Day Counts - Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:



2W Nabil Afindi, Simran Bagri, Avinash Balaskantha, Daniela Cercel, Abdul Faruque, Akshara Mahiban, Rares Malancus, Victoria Masunga, Ryan Mc-Ewan, Yaryna Mudra, Isa Naeem-Kakuji, Diyana Noor, Kushaal Varsani

2T Anjana Balakumar, Jacob Gibbs, Imtiaz Hussain, Zayb Inamullah, Areeba Khan, Apurbo Molla, Milan Nakum, Zayn Raheem, Vinuush Theviskanth

2P Amira Abedin, Abbas Adeyemi, Maryam Akhtar, Mohammed Ihsaan Islam, Martin Ivanov, Elijah Van Den Bossche, Fariha Zannat

2S Yumnah Chowdhury, Fatmah Khalif, Leja Kuzmickaite, Rohan Mahatma, Nadia Messous, Imaan Nawaz, Ilanthiraiyan Painthamilpandian, Shrivarshan Prabakaran, Shavina Prasad, Yuvaani Rajmohan, Rayyaan Shikder, Vaubhav Vaubhav

These children were presented with recognition certificates and stickers in assembly.



28 Apr	PTA Sponsored Fundraising Event
1 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
25 May	Parent Coffee Morning - 9.15am Community Room
30 May—3 June	Half Term
5 June	INSET DAY - school closed to all pupils
6 June	Pupils return to school
8 June	School closed to all pupils - General Election Polling Station
15 June	Class Photographs
22 June	AM Sports Day, KS2 & Nursery AM PM Sports Day, KS1, Reception & Nursery PM
10 July	Reports to Parents
11 July	2.00pm Year 2 concert to parents
12 July	Parents Evening - no appointment necessary
20 July	International Friendship Picnic on school field - after school
21 July	Last day of summer term
4 & 5 Sept	INSET DAYS - school closed to all pupils
6 Sept	Pupils return to school