

Year 2 Newsletter Summer Term 2017



Welcome Back!

I hope that you have had a relaxing Easter holiday and that the children are all eager for the start of the Summer Term.

Staffing

We are very lucky that Mrs Penson, Miss Pattison, Mrs Dhar, Mrs Osman and Miss Chojnowska will continue to support the children in the classroom.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26th April- Trip to Eltham Environmental Centre

Monday 1st May- Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 9th May- Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 15th May- Friday 26th May- Year 2 SATs

Friday 26th May- Whole School Zumbathon

Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June- Half Term

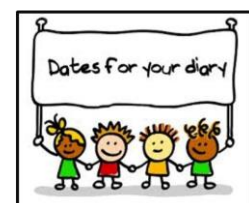
Monday 6th June- Inset Day

Saturday 10th June- St Giles Summer Fete (Time to be confirmed)

Friday 23rd June- Reception & KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday 11th July- Informal Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th July- End of Term



KS1 SATs

The tests will take place in the following form:

- Reading test - externally set, internally marked.
- Writing test - this is informed by the grammar, punctuation and spelling test.
- Mathematics - externally set, internally marked.
- Science - Teacher assessment throughout the year

We will carry out tests over the two week period starting from Monday 15th May. We will be encouraging all the children to try their best and to not feel over anxious.

What are we doing this term?



English

As writers we will be looking at information texts, letters and poetry. We will also be focusing on writing extended stories. We will be continuing with our grammar and punctuation work where we will be looking to check and evaluate our work. Reading will continue to be a focus in Year 2 with a particular emphasis on deduction and inference.

Maths

As Mathematicians the children will be consolidating their knowledge of a range of Mathematical skills. This will include calculating using all four operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be securing number facts and understanding shape. Our work will include a focus on handling data and choosing and using standard units of measurement.

Science

As Scientists our topic is Plants. We will be finding out how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants as well as finding out that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to stay healthy.

Computing

In Computing this term we will be using the 'Pivot Animator' and 'Scratch' programs to explore programming on screen and identifying how games work.

Geography

As Geographers we will be comparing localities. We will be looking at other places that we have visited. Our main focus will be seaside towns and how they are different from Farnborough.

History

As Historians we will be looking at Seaside Holidays in the past. We will be comparing seaside holidays in the recent past with those taken a long time ago. We will develop an understanding of chronology and an ability to ask and answer questions about different sources of information.

Art/D.T

As Artists we will be comparing Famous Artists' work such as Arcimboldi, Picasso and Monet. We will be creating our own art work in their styles.

P.E

As Athletes we will be continuing with gymnastics and yoga sessions. We will also be building on tennis and team sport skills. We are lucky to have an out of school coach taking dance lessons for the first half term. We have our PE lessons on a

Monday and Thursday. Please ensure PE kit is in school from Monday to Friday and that all items are clearly labelled.

Music

As Musicians we will be focussing on tempo and dynamics. We will be learning about different symbols and how music can be written down. We will then be given a chance to compose our own music and choose how to record it.

R.E

Our topics will be 'Growing up and moving on' and 'Special Times'. We will be identifying important events in our lives. We will discuss which places are special to us, and will be learning about places which are special in different religions.

P.S.C.H.E

As members of our community we will be looking at what makes a good friend and how to empathise with others. We will also be performing with Year 3 at the St Giles Summer Fete.

Homework

English homework is given out on a Monday, it should be returned by Wednesday. Maths homework is given out on a Wednesday, it should be returned by Friday. Weekend homework is given out on a Friday, to be returned on a Monday. Weekly spellings are also given out every Friday for a test on the following Friday.

The Year 2 team are all looking forward to helping the children work hard and to an exciting term ahead!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Matthews