



# Summer term

## Class 2



Hello again everyone.

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching half term.

This is a very short half term for us in school, so we have been working the children very hard especially in preparation of the tests now in place for children in key stage 1.

During the week beginning June 12th, all **Year 1** pupils and **some of the Year 2** pupils will be completing a **Phonics Screening Test** as well as the other classroom assessments. Please look out for little notes in your child's reading record books, informing you of the sounds that they need a little more practise on.

The **Year 2** pupils will be completing standardised tests in **Reading, Reasoning** (Maths) and **Arithmetic** during the week beginning 22nd May. Some year 2 pupils will also be completing the **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** test later in June.

Teacher assessment remains an important part of moving our children forward in their learning. I am constantly reassuring the children that assessments are used to help me decide what I need to teach next.

Learning should be about fun and opportunities to grow, so please let me know if your child is worrying about work at school.

### Reading

I would be continually grateful if you could ensure that your child is equipped with their book bag, reading book and reading record book every day, to help us provide the best opportunities in reading for your child.

### History

This year we have covered very little history so far, so there will be a big emphasis on history skills and knowledge this term.

The seaside is our theme, and as you can tell from our homework last week, we are going to be developing an understanding of **how** we know about the past. Sharing stories about trips to the seaside with family members is a lovely way to learn about each other, and the children were very excited to feed back all they had learnt.

### Geography

This term, Geography will link to the seaside theme. The children will be learning about geographical features of the seaside and they will be carrying out some fieldwork during our class trip.



Class visit: Seaham Harbour Wednesday 7th June (details will follow)

### Music

Once again we are very lucky to be taking part in the **Big Sing for mini-singers**.

This is a project where a number of schools learn new songs based on a theme and they all come together in a celebration at The Sage Gateshead. It is a huge amount of fun and a very joyous occasion.

### Art

3D art using the stimulus of shells

### DT

We are going to be exploring floating materials and designing and making a floating vessel that can carry small objects.





## Writing



Writing independently in lots of different ways is our focus this term. Children will be writing information linked to our At the Seaside theme and writing a recount about our trip.

We will also be writing some creative stories linked to a seaside setting and if time allows, we will be having fun exploring pirate stories. I do believe a dressy-up day may be needed too. I am sure *me hearties* will agree! (details will follow in July)

Progress in handwriting since September has been impressive. Please continue to encourage your child to try their very best with presentation in their homework. All children in Class 2 are taking great pride in their work. Well done everyone.

## Maths

There will be a big focus this term on calculations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Children in year 1, need to be able to competently add and subtract and use objects and prompts to help share and solve multiplication questions. Year 2 pupils need to be able to work competently to add, subtract, divide and multiply and they should have a good response to 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The app below helps children to chant in groups of numbers and learn their times tables.

Children are also encouraged to explain how they can work out answers and solve problems.



### PE

PE will remain on Mondays (Dance) and Thursdays (Athletics).

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct footwear (gym shoes) in their PE kit for indoors.

**Outdoor Activity Day for year 2 pupils at  
Shotton Hall  
Tuesday 23rd May**

### Computing

Children will be learning about Cyberbullying and what they can do if they encounter bullying on the internet.

They will also be developing their computer programming skills using beebots.

There is a good free app called Bee-Bot that children can use to practise their skills.



### Science

Topics this term include materials and plants.

These topics are going to be used to develop the children's investigation skills.

A great app for helping children to learn their times tables and chanting and counting in groups.

**My Times Tables**



Helpful websites:

To help children improve phonics skills and prepare for the Phonics Test

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Lots of fun games for areas of mathematics:

[www.snappymaths.co.uk](http://www.snappymaths.co.uk)

A great app for helping children practise reading tricky words.

**Key Words**

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