

Class 2

Summer Newsletter

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a happy and Holy Easter and that you are ready to return to school refreshed and full of energy (I'm sure the children will be). I'd like to say thank you to all of the parents/carers within Class 2 for their continued support throughout the year so far, it is greatly appreciated. If you ever have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

My door is always open.

Miss Darwin

As we move into the final term, we will begin to consolidate all that we have learned across the year and I know many of you are keen to know how you can help. Continue to read a variety of books at home with your child as much as possible. Stories increase key skills in literacy as well as imagination and creativity. You can also speak to your children about the key topics we are learning in class and continue to support them in any home learning that is sent home. You can also continue to practice the graphemes in phonics, these were sent home at the parents information meeting in Autumn however, if you would like another copy please ask. This will support your child with reading and spelling. I will also be sending home an 'Age Related Expectations' booklet which will show what your children are working towards at the **end** of the academic year. This will include the key statements for English writing, reading and Maths.

Castles and dragons!

To kick start the summer term we will be focusing on the topic of, 'Castles and dragons'. We are hoping to complete some letter writing and creative story writing in English based on our topic and we will be reading 'George and the dragon' following St George's Day. We are also going to be using junk modelling to create a castle as well as building a drawbridge in DT. I would be grateful if you have any junk modelling materials, to please bring them into school for us to use (yoghurt pots, cartons, etc. NB no toilet rolls or egg boxes). In Science we will be looking at materials and investigating which is the best to use based on its properties. Within our History topic, we will be looking at castles through the ages!



In Mathematics the children in Year 2 are expected to know their 2, 5, and 10 x tables. We are practicing daily in class but it would be brilliant if you could reinforce this at home too. Children in Year 1 are expected to know their number bonds to 20, count to 100, and recognise the place value of a 2 digit number i.e tens and ones. Over the next term Y2 will be looking at 'position/direction, time, and measure'. Y1 children will be looking at, 'multiplication, fractions, position/direction, money and time'.

It is also important that you help your child identify 'real life maths'. E.g. counting out change, paying using coins/notes, weighing /measuring when cooking, sharing out sweets (dividing) then finding the multiplication sentence, identifying the time and finding fractions of things i.e. half or quarter of a cake to share etc. Maths is everywhere.

Statutory Assessments (SATs and Phonics screening)

Children in Year 2 will be completing some tests during the month of May in reading, maths and grammar which will help to inform teacher assessment.

Year 1 children will complete a phonics screening test in June. This test is a combination of real and nonsense words and test the children's ability to identify sounds (some which are made up of 1, 2 or 3 letters), and then blend the sounds to make words. The nonsense words are known as 'alien words' as they are not real e.g. chirg, griff,. The children are familiar with the layout of these tests as they are incorporated into part of our daily phonics lessons in class.

The results from the assessments will be reported to the parents with school reports in July. If you would like any further information please contact school.



The Year of Science!

Science week will commence week beginning Monday 4th June. We will be completing a variety of exciting experiments linked to Roald Dahls novel, 'Georges Marvellous Medicine'. We will have read the book before half term, it would be great if you could chat to your children about this! Across Science week we are going to create many opportunities for experimenting, testing ideas, asking and answering questions as well as creative writing.

Butterflies

In the summer term Class 2 will be getting some caterpillars and watching them grow into beautiful butterflies. This will be used as part of our 'mini beasts' topic in Science. We are excited to see them grow and watch the fascinating changes take place.



PE Reminder

As the weather is (hopefully) improving, our PE sessions will begin to take place outdoors. Can you please make sure your child has appropriate footwear in school alongside their plimsoles and the correct PE uniform.

Art

Our art topic this term will cover the work of 'Anthony Gormley' on structure. The children will work towards creating their very own sculpture using clay!



Dates for your diary

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May - Break up for half term. Return 4th June.

Friday 15th June - Class 2 Eid Assembly (parents welcome)

Tuesday 3rd July- Proms in the playground

Please keep checking our school website and in particular, our class blog! We are working hard to update this regularly so you can see all of the fantastic things we are doing in class!