

Year 2 Newsletter Summer 2022



Welcome to the final term of the academic year! It's hard to believe that in a few months the children will be preparing to leave year 2 and move into year 3. We certainly have lots to pack in before we finish for the summer and hope that this newsletter helps you to understand some of the things we will be covering and provide you with some ways in which you can best support at home.

SATS Assessments

Many of you will be aware that the children will be required to sit a series of tests during the month of May. These tests will cover maths and reading. Whilst they are nothing for the children to worry about, we understand that they may cause some worry for children and parents. For this reason, we will be holding an information session on Thursday 12th May at 6pm for parents to come and find out exactly what happens during the SATS period. You will also be able to look at some past assessment materials to give you a clearer idea of what the children will be expected to do. The children will take their SATS test in the final week of this half term.

Transition

At this time of year many children and parents start to think about moving into Key Stage 2 and which class they will be placed in. Organisation of classes is based on many variables such as academic ability, friendship groups, maturity and personality. The children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on shuffle up day – which takes place on the 29th June. There will also be an additional transition session on the 16th June when the children will spend the afternoon with the Year 3 and 4 team alongside the children who are joining us for other settings.

Topic

This term we will be looking at Great Explorers. We will begin by studying a range of sources and using these to ask questions and begin to make inferences. As the topic progresses we will learn about Amelia Earhart, Christopher Cook and Neil Armstrong. We will think about what makes a great explorer and why it is important to remember people who have done amazing things.

Maths

As we begin to move towards the end of the year we will be recapping the key themes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division so that the children have the confidence to answer a range of calculations and word problems. We will also be covering length and height, position and direction, time and mass, capacity and temperature.

We often play the game 'hit the button' in class and it has proved useful in developing mental strategies across all types of calculation.

You can access this game at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

English

Hopefully you are aware that we have made some significant changes to the way that we teach English across KS1. We have started using a scheme called Read, Write Inc which focusses heavily on developing reading fluency and comprehension skills. There is lots of time spent each lesson reading out loud with a partner and discussing ideas and vocabulary. The scheme includes fiction and non-fiction themes and once the children are familiar with the text, we move onto a written piece that links to the reading we have done.

Reading

Reading remains a huge priority in school, and we ask for your support with this at home. It is the best way that you can support your child's learning and reading every day will have significant impact on how well your child does across the curriculum. As the children start to become more independent with their reading it is important to still listen to them read aloud so that opportunities for vocabulary development are not missed. If your child brings a Read, Write Inc book home or a Bug book it is important to read this book more than once. This helps to develop fluency and confidence. This is why these books are kept by the children for a longer period of time. Don't forget if you child has an Oxford Owl log in there will be an additional book to read each week.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Please feel free to add any comments on the slip that is stuck in the front cover of the book to let us know how they have got on.

P.E

Children in year 2 do PE on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. They do not finish their PE lesson on Wednesday until 3.00pm and so it makes more sense for them to come home in their kits and bring their uniform home in their PE bag. Their kit can then be washed and returned to school the following Monday.



Other Subjects

Science	Living Things in Their Habitats
RE (religious education)	Beginning to Learn about Islam
RHE (relationships and health education)	Relationships Changing Me
DT (design and technology)	Mechanisms – Levers and sliders
Music	Preparation for The Big Sing -June 12 th ! Musical Appreciation
Computing	E-safety Pictograms
Art	Sculpture

We hope that you have received the email about The Big Sing on June 12th. We would really love as many children as possible to join us for this event – they have all worked really hard to learn the songs!

Best wishes

Mrs Hill and Mrs Freeman-Evans

