

Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 2019

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Year 2 Dates
Fri 3 May Whole school Cross Country event
Mon 6 May – Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May End of KS1 assessments begin
Fri 24 May 3.30pm Half term ends
Mon 3 Jun INSET Day - no school for pupils
Fri 14 Jun 9.15am 2O class assembly
Sat 15 Jun 1.00 – 4.00pm Year 2 running plant stall at School Summer Fair
Tues 16 July 2.15 – 3.30pm Listen to Me Ukulele concert and parent sharing.
Mon 22 July Mr Happy's Circus
Wed 17 July Open evening 3.30-4.30pm

PE: Our timetabled PE days remain the same:

2G - Monday and Thursday

2O - Tuesday and Thursday

We will however be active as much as possible so please could the children have their full PE kit in school every day. We are also finding that as children are growing fast and needing new things for their kit these new items are not always named and we have had several issues with muddled clothing. We would be so grateful if you could ensure that all items are named.

Our indoor sessions are fitness circuits and in our outdoor games lessons we are learning to play fielding and striking games.

Welcome back!

In Year 2 we are excited to be back to our learning and are ready for a busy summer term. The children are looking refreshed and ready to undertake the challenges ahead.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with what's happening in Year 2 both with our curriculum and organisation.



Our topic for the first half of this term is **Fit Kids**, a **Science** unit all about how we can keep our bodies fit and healthy, focusing on food, exercise, hygiene, the importance of sleep and the safe use of medicines.

During our topic work we will be focusing on all aspects of fitness and how leading a balanced lifestyle is very important. The children will be learning the key needs of humans and animals.

We will be asking the children to keep food and exercise diaries, design healthy menus and then produce an advertising campaign to encourage the Key Stage 2 children to eat more fruit and vegetables. Hopefully this will also encourage them to try new fruit and vegetables themselves.

Help!
If you have any food magazines you no longer need please send them in for our science work.

English:

We are starting by looking at the text 'Burger Boy' by Alan Durant and then writing our own cautionary tales in the same style. After this our focus will change to non-fiction texts when we create a class encyclopaedia of different sports and activities to inform younger children how they can be physically active.

Maths:

During this term we will be reinforcing all our maths topics so far, particularly focusing on calculation strategies, and multiplication facts of the 2,3,5 and 10 x tables. We will also be measuring using standard units and measuring instruments.



Our second topic of the term is **Holidays**, a **History and Geography** unit where we study the geography of a contrasting locality in a non-European country, identifying the similarities and differences between it and Kings Worthy.

We will also be finding out what holidays were like for children in the past. We will be welcoming visits from grandparents to share their holiday memories – look out for more details nearer the time.

English:

We will be writing stories in a seaside setting and humorous poems based on the beach and sea creatures. We will also be researching key aspects of holidays in the 1950s and 1960s and using this along with the information gathered from grandparents' memories to create our own 1950s holiday plays.

Maths:

In our maths work we will be working on fractions, position and direction and all aspects of data handling. We will also be solving real life problems and tackling investigations.

Art and Technology:

In the first half of the term we are studying the artist Arcimboldi and creating drawings and paintings based on his work using fruit, vegetables and plants.



After half term we will be focusing on sculpture techniques to create 3D art work linked to the seaside including ice creams and underwater creatures.

Music:

We continue to have lessons with Mrs Beton from Hampshire Music Service each Tuesday afternoon. This term we are learning to play the ukulele and will be delighted to welcome you to join us for our Listen to Me concert on Tuesday 16th July from 2.15pm.

We will follow our concert with an event in the classroom to share our History and Geography learning with you.

IT

In our IT lessons this term we will be using the programs 2Go and 2Code and learning to program Beebots. The children also have the opportunity to use laptops regularly to support maths and topic work within the classroom.

Home Learning:

Thank you for all your support so far this year encouraging your child to continue their learning at home. When we work in partnership together we really see the BEST results.

Reading: We encourage children to read every day and record this in their planner. They are able to change their reading book as often as necessary usually when they arrive in the morning – please let us know if they're not doing this and we need to nag as well!

Spelling: We will continue in the same pattern with spelling tests on a Friday and new ones stuck in planners after the test.

Maths: Please use Hit the Button game in Year 1/2 links on the school website to support quick mental recall of number bonds, times table, doubles and halves.

Staff changes

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Boulter to the Year 2 team. She has previously been working in Year 4 and 5 but will be teaching 2O and 2G on Tuesday afternoon for one lesson each alongside Mrs Beton.

She will also be teaching in 2G on Wednesday mornings to cover Mrs Gaunt's leadership time and all day on Fridays in 2O.

End of Key Stage 1 Assessments.

At the end of Year 2 all schools are required to assess the children's attainment in reading, writing maths, speaking and listening and science and submit their assessments to the Local Education Authority by the end of June.

The children are assessed through their normal school work and we have been gathering evidence to inform our assessments all through the Spring term. Alongside these work samples the children will complete reading and maths booklets which will further inform our judgements. We are very keen that there are no extra stresses placed on the children and all assessments are part of the normal pattern of lessons.

We will be sharing these end of Key Stage 1 assessments with you via the end of year reports.

If you have any questions about the KS1 assessments please speak to us at the end of the day, arrange an appointment or contact us via your child's planner.

Mrs Gaunt and Mrs Thompson

Summer Term Reminders

The children will need:

- Water bottle every day
- Planner every day
- PE kit every day
- Sun screen applied on bright days



