

Year Two's Half Termly Newsletter – Summer 2

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our last half term of Year 2! I hope you all had a lovely break in the sunshine. Our last half term was full of joy and great memories - a particular highlight of mine was our trip to Liverpool Cathedral where the children showcased their wonderful manners. Multiple members of the public at the Cathedral commented on how well behaved they were! I am excited for our final half term together, filled with lots of fun and learning!

KS1 assessments:

From the week beginning the 15th of June, we will be starting our Key Stage 1 assessments. These will be carried out in a calm and supportive way and will be spread across three weeks to ensure the children feel relaxed and confident. The children have been working incredibly hard all year and we are very proud of everything they have achieved. In the run-up to the assessments, we will be spending time consolidating all the knowledge and skills we have learnt throughout the year to help the children feel fully prepared.

To support your child at home, please continue to complete the daily maths tasks and encourage them to read for at least 10 minutes each day. This regular practice is having a very positive impact on the children's confidence and progress. Thank you for your continued support!

Reading:

Reading continues to be a key priority in Year 2, and we encourage children to read at least five times per week to support their progress and confidence. On Reading Plus, children should aim to complete the five weekly reading tasks set for them. Pupils accessing the Read Write Inc phonics programme will continue to bring home matched reading books from the scheme or access reading materials via QR codes.

All children in Year 2 visit our school library each week and enjoy choosing a book of interest. We love sharing our favourite books in class!



TTRS:

All children should access Times Table Rock Stars for 10 minutes every day. Children in Year 2 are asked to practice 2, 5 and 10-time's tables. Having the ability to readily recall number facts will greatly support your child in daily maths lessons and will help to build mathematical fluence and confidence.

The children have really enjoyed finding out who our 'Reader of the Week' and 'Rockstar of the Week' are. This has helped boost engagement with the programme and is supporting their progress. Thank you for your continued support with this!

Guide to TTRS:

Here is a reminder of the modes to access on Times Table Rockstars:

- **Daily Practice in 'Garage':** This mode is ideal for building confidence as it focuses on a small selection of tables suited to the learner's progress.
- **Use 'Jamming' for flexibility:** This mode allows the children to select a focus on specific tables without a timer, ideal for building confidence in specific tables. Select 2s, 5s, or 10s.

PE:

Pe will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon. This half term, the children will enjoy athletics during our weekly PE sessions, and we will head outdoors whenever possible.

Warmer weather:

As we move into the second half of our summer term and begin to enjoy some warmer weather, please ensure your child brings the following to school:

- A clearly named water bottle
- A clearly labelled bottle of suncream (that the children will apply themselves when appropriate)
- A white or navy cap or sunhat



Key term dates:

Please note, there may be other events that aren't included in the list below.

- Friday 5th June – Mufti break the rules
- Friday 12th June – Class Group Photos
- Friday 19th June – Mufti – Summer related gifts
- Thursday 18th June – Sports Day (KS2 am / KS1 pm)
- Thursday 25th June – RESERVE Sports Day (KS2 am / KS1 pm)
- Thursday 9th July – Class Worship
- End of half term: Friday 17th July

It has been such an honour to teach your children in my first year of teaching. I truly appreciate your continued support and will cherish these final few weeks with the class.

Thank you,

Miss Waldron 😊

Year 2 - Summer 2 - Curriculum Map

<u>Maths</u> We will be revisiting and consolidating different aspects of maths from this year, including word problems, measure, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	<u>English</u> In English, we will be exploring the storybook Rosie Revere Engineer. As well as exploring the text and absorbing new vocabulary we will be writing an invention narrative and explanation text. 	<u>RE</u> In RE, we will learn about 'What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost', exploring the symbolism and power of the Holy Spirit.
<u>History</u> 'The Neolithic Age' We will be learning about the neolithic period, including Dorothy Garrod's discovery, farming, building houses and using fire to make pots. 	<u>PHSE - My Happy Mind</u> We will continue our 'My Happy Mind' journey and Christopher Winters lessons. This term we will be learning about 'My Happy Body', differences, male and female animals and naming body parts.	<u>Science</u> This term, we will be studying 'Astronomy'. We will learn about our Solar System and how the Earth orbits the sun, and the moon orbits the Earth. The children will also explore several constellations and the role of astronomers. 
<u>PE</u> In PE, we will be focussing on Athletics. In this unit, the children will practise running, jumping and throwing. Don't forget to join us for our annual Sports Day on Thursday 18th June.	<u>D&T – Food Technology</u> Our unit will be exploring different types of healthy dips and dippers before planning and preparing our own. 	<u>Art</u> We will be looking at artists who are known for drawing portraits such as Picasso, Frida Kahlo and Rembrandt van Rijn. We will then begin creating our own self-portraits.
<u>Computing:</u> In computing this half term we will design and create our own quiz questions in Scratch, then evaluate and improve our programs. 	<u>Life skills:</u> This half term we will also be spending time outdoors planting, creating bug hotels and litter picking as part of our 5 Be Experiences and courageous advocacy campaign.	<u>French:</u> The children have loved French this year, and we will be finishing by learning about animals. 

Year 2 – Home/School Spellings – Summer 2

Below our home spellings for this half term, we will be practising the spellings the week prior to the test during our class spelling lessons. Spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday.

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Test date	Fri 12 th June	Fri 19 th June	Fri 26 th June	Fri 3 rd July	Fri 10 th July
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