

# Year 2 Learning Letter

## This Term's Project

### 'Delicious Devon'

This term we will be finding out about our beautiful county of Devon. We began our project in true Devon style, where all the children got to sample a delicious Devon cream tea! In geography, we will be learning to use maps to locate places and to understand symbols. We will be looking at coastal features and make an exciting visit to Coryton Cove, which we have planned for later in the term. We will be out and about in science, looking at plants and animals found in our school environment, and planting a variety of seeds.

### Mathematics

Applying all the mathematical knowledge that we have been working on is our main focus this term. Multi-step problem solving activities, practical tasks and cross curricular Maths will all feature. Sessions will always include a 'challenge' to extend learning and for children to 'grow their brain'. We will continue to encourage children to explain and verbalise their mathematical thinking using 'Maths Talk'. Understanding and accurately using mathematical language and being able to recall and apply key facts is vital this term to enable all our children to show what they know.



*"No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment."*

*Carol Dweck*

### English

We began the term exploring the features of instructions through reading the book 'How to Grow a Lettuce' by Helen Lanz. The children have been trying hard to use conjunctions to join their ideas together (but, so, because) and use expanded noun phrases to make their writing exciting. As we progress through the term we will continue to develop our vocabulary and grammatical knowledge and demonstrate this in our writing. Later in the term we will be exploring the features of poetry linked to our 'Delicious Devon' project. The children will then have an opportunity to write an extended story using chapters.

## Year 2 Summer Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

### Reading

Make a time to read regularly. Little and often is best but as the complexity and length of book increases more time might be needed. Priority should be given to the Guided Reading text. Always have a conversation about what you have read and understand.

### Maths

x3 sessions of up to 15 minutes practise of the current maths skills on Education City. New homework tasks will be updated fortnightly.

*Lost your Education City log-in? Ask your class teacher to provide you with this again.*

*No internet? Drop into the ICT suite on a Monday after school with your child. someone will be there and will be happy to help.*

### OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Summer Term

*to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend on each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.*

**Draw:** Try and draw some plants in your garden or local area.

**Research:** A place in Devon and write some facts about it in the form of a poster.

**Visit:** Google Maps, to find places you know in Devon.

**Go to:** Anywhere in Devon and send us a postcard about your trip! We would love to hear about where you have been.

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# Last Term

## Thank you for your support during the Spring Term.

We are sure everyone has their own top memories of the Spring Term. Here are a few of ours:

- Our trip to The Fleet Air Arm Museum and learning more about flight.
- Exploring the art work of Leonardo De Vinci.
- Meeting all the inspirational parents from Year 2 who shared their fascinating professions.
- Learning about inspirational women in flight such as Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman.
- Working with the Devon Wildlife Trust outside and learning to start a fire safely.

## Out and About

Have you been out gardening yet this year? There's still time if not! Have a look on the BBC gardening with children website to get some ideas for outdoor gardening projects to do at home.

[www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/gardening\\_with\\_children](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/gardening_with_children)

### Grow your own fresh salad



Grow a selection of salad crops to make a lovely summer salad and introduce children to practical gardening. It will increase their interest in healthy food and help them to understand plant life cycles.

You could grow your own fresh salad, make your own compost or even build a wormery!

### Did you know?

- Hummingbirds hover in front of flowers while they collect nectar. They use so much energy to do this that it would be like you needing to eat 150kg of hamburgers every day!
- The white flower of the Amazon water lily is the size of a football and turns purple after it has been pollinated.
- The largest seed in the world is the double coconut. It can measure up to 50cm (1.6ft) around the middle!