

Summer Term 5 Newsletter



Year 2

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Term 5. It promises to be a busy and exciting six weeks in Year 2.

This term our main focus will be on the Key Stage 1 SATs, which will be taking place in the weeks following 7th May. These will be taken in small groups or on a 1:1 basis. Our learning will involve lots of revision and mastery of concepts we have already covered and will still be very practical and engaging.

We understand that SATs have the potential to be stressful for the children but we will ensure the whole process is low key and as stress-free as possible.

English

We will be focussing on English comprehension skills this term. This will include simple retrieval of facts, inferring reasons behind characters actions and predicting what might happen next. If you wish to support your child with this, lots of questioning when they are reading to you can be really beneficial.

This term will also feature lots of grammar teaching. This will include word classification, adding punctuation to passages, spelling, past and present tense, suffixes and some vocabulary work. We know grammar can be a topic that even adults find tricky, but there are lots of great online resources now available that make this subject more engaging and fun to learn.

Maths

The SATS are a mixture of purely procedural arithmetic questions and more complex word problems. Therefore, this term there will be a balance of lots of place value/number facts/arithmetic and deducing what calculations need to be performed from carefully reading problems that are in context.

By the end of Year 2 children should be able to have automaticity in the recall of the 2/5/10x table and related division facts. We also still have some children that do not know their number bonds to 10 or 20; e.g. $4 + 6 = 10$ or $12 + 8 = 20$. This is a crucial skill as the children move into KS2. Any extra practice that can be done at home would be greatly appreciated.

Science

We will be growing plants so the children can describe and understand the basic needs of plants for survival. They will be observing and recording changes over time.

Dates for your diary:

- Sports Day on Friday, May 17th
- Parents Evening on Tuesday, May 21st and Thursday, May 23rd
- Open Doors Day (Computing) on Friday, May 24th

As always if you have any queries or worries, we are always happy to talk to you after school in the playground or, if that is not possible, do not hesitate to contact us through the office.

Here's to another great term.

Kind Regards,

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