



Year 2

Information for
children and parents.



Summer Term 1

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back after Easter. I hope you enjoyed a joyful, happy break.

What are we going to be learning about this term?

English - All children will take part in either a reading skills lesson or a phonics lesson 4 days per week. We will focus on particular reading comprehension strands (VIPERS) and we will be reading a new age appropriate text each week. Children will also take part in 5 English lessons which will focus on writing skills and the spelling, grammar and punctuation aspect of the curriculum. This term we are reading *The Flower Block* by Lanisha Butterfield and we will be writing a Diary entry.

Maths - The children will also be developing their knowledge and understanding of the Mass, Capacity and Temperature, Fractions, Time and Statistics. We will be continuing our two, five and ten times table, including multiplication and division facts. Practise of Times Table Rockstars at home will help develop this!

Science – In Science this half term we will be learning about Living Things and their Microhabitats- we may also be getting some creepy crawly visitors to the classroom!

History – In History we are learning about the Monarchy and learning about key figures from the past using the correct historical vocabulary and skills for this unit.

Computing –The children will be learning about Stop Motion Animation and creating our own animation using the tablets.

Art- In art we will be drawing portraits in the style of Paul Klee. **DT**- we will be making some mechanical monsters!

RE – This term, the children will be exploring the theme of Good Samaritan.

PSHE- We are learning about physical and mental wellbeing and how to keep our minds and bodies healthy.

Music- We are learning about Dynamics, using the theme of space to explore this vocabulary and different compositions.

PE – The children have a PE lesson on a **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoon. We will provide the children with PE kits, although children will need to bring a pair of trainers into school. However, if you would like children to have their own kit, shorts and t-shirt, tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt may be worn. As we are in the winter months, please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions. All clothes need to be named and kept in a named PE bag. Children must have their games kit every week; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that they have a games lesson and it is important for their own health and development that they participate in sporting activities.



Home/School Communication

If you need to contact us directly, please message us on Class Dojo's where we can see and respond to your messages on the same day. If you need to tell us any information about your child for that particular day please do not hesitate to just pop it onto a message.

Reading books and Homework

The children will have reading lessons, 4 days a week. They will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They can also read their own books and they will be borrowing books from the school library on a **Friday** (these must be returned the following **Friday**).

Websites such as BBC Newsround are also useful to help children to read about and start to understand the world around them. Please record their home reading in the reading record. Children will earn dojos and stickers for reading at home and remembering their reading book. We expect children to be reading for a minimum of 5 minutes daily at home. It is really important to spend time listening to your child **read** and talk about what they are reading.

The children will be have their CGP books which we started this September. The children are expected to complete two pages a week. The books will be sent home on a Friday and are to be returned to school by Tuesday. We will do progress checks at school every half term.

In addition to reading at home, it is important for children to practise their times tables. They are lucky to be able to access a great game called Times Tables Rock Stars in which they can climb leader boards. The children have a log-in to access this on an app on a tablet or smartphone or online. Please ask if you need more information. A couple of games a night for 5 minutes will help them improve. Depending on how confident they are, they will start with 1 or 2 to learn, building up to all 12 for those more able.

Snack

The children may bring in a HEALTHY snack for playtime if they wish (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, and healthy breakfast bars for example). Although we do provide fruit daily.

I hope this will be helpful to you and your child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via Dojo.

Many thanks,

Miss Nugent (Class Teacher Monday-Wednesday)

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