

Year 2 Newsletter - Summer 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and spent lots of time with your loved ones and relaxing.

All children are expected to read at **least four times a week** at home to achieve their reading treat. Reading diaries are checked every Monday. Children on the Accelerated Reader program are expected to achieve their reading target (this is in their reading diaries) to achieve their reading treat. We are going to continue working with the children in Year 2 to make them more independent with their reading. Once you have heard your child read, you could encourage them to fill in their own diary and you add the countersignature.

Homework will follow the same format as last half term. Children should continue to practise reading and writing the three Year 2 common exception words of the week. The words of the week will then be tested in our spell check lesson the following Wednesday. We will now also be transitioning from Numbots to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Children are expected to spend **20 minutes** playing garage mode on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) every week. This will be monitored and checked every Thursday. Login information can be found in the back of the children's reading diaries and is the same as their Numbots login. Please ensure children are playing on Garage mode only for their homework as this is the mode where the times tables are set by the class teacher. In year 2, children are expected to know the 2, 5, 10 and 3x tables. Please view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqPla17hKLA> to learn more.

In English this half term, we will cover a range of writing styles. Our fiction writing will focus on writing a retell of Meg and Mog and the children will continue to practise a range of comprehension style questions.

Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving, across all elements of the National Curriculum. Children will continue to learn about fractions, and will begin to learn about time, statistics and position and direction. It would be great if you could practise some of these skills with your child at home. For example, telling the time using a clock or a watch.

In our science lessons, we will be learning about plants. Children will have the opportunity to explore and plant their own seeds and observe their changes over time.

In Geography, we will be learning about the Equator, North and South Pole and hot and cold countries and in History, we will be learning about a new significant individual, Neil Armstrong.

The PE days for the first week of the Summer 1 term (week commencing 13th April) are **Monday** and **Thursday**. **Please note, you will be contacted during the first week with the PE schedule for week 2 onwards, where the PE days may change.**

In other PE news, we are delighted to announce that we are now a parkrun primary school, paired with Clough Hall Junior parkrun, where we know many of our families already attend. There will be an assembly for the children on Tuesday 14th April to launch this. Following that, on Sunday 19th April we are planning a Scholar Green take over at Clough Hall Junior parkrun (21 Grove Ave, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1DJ). We are inviting all families to come and join us with children wearing their PE tops to turn the park green. All children who attend will receive a privilege card in school! Mrs Colman and Mrs Kapp will be there to cheer you all on. An adult must stay within the park to supervise their child (but they are not expected to run and can supervise as a spectator!). Please see the parkrun letter for more information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

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Dates for the diary

Summer Term

Date	Event
13.04.26	School Opens
14.04.26	Parkrun Primary School Assembly in school
16.04.26	Class & Team Photos
19.04.26	Scholar Green Takeover at Clough Hall Junior parkrun (more information to follow)
21.04.26	Yr 1 Phonics Meeting
23.04.26	St George's Day – Pupils allowed to wear uniforms from community clubs
27.04.26	After School Clubs Start
07.05.26	PTA Killer Mile Sponsored Run
11.05.26	Year 6 SATs- No holidays please
18.05.26	Years 1-5 Assessment Week – No Holidays Please
20.05.26	PTA Disco – Please bring in a bottle (KS1) or chocolate (ks2) for summer fayre
22.05.26	School Closes