



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Summer term



Welcome back to our Year 2 families! We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Spring break and that you are returning to school feeling energetic and full of enthusiasm. This newsletter outlines all the exciting things we have planned for Summer term and all the important information, dates and reminders needed for the coming weeks in Year 2. This term we will be working towards the final preparations in maths, writing, GPS and reading to ensure the children are in the most position to attack their Key Stage 1 assessments in May.

### Staffing

**Year 2 lead- Mrs Hall**

Reg 1 Miss Martin and Mrs Slevin

Reg 2 Mrs Hall and Miss Edwards

Reg 3 Miss Compton and Mrs Griffiths

Any questions/queries- please email

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### PE

We have PE **every WEDNESDAY** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit and is not wearing jewellery on this day. If you are unsure of the appropriate P.E kit, please see our school website or speak to your child's class teacher.



### Reading



We encourage all of our children to read as frequently as possible at home. It is important that children are supported with their reading as much as possible. Ideally, we would like to see children reading at least 2-3 times per week with an adult at home.



**Interesting fact** - A child who reads for 20 minutes per day will read for 3,600 minutes every school year. Which is 1,800,000 words per year.

They will also:

- be lifelong readers.
- have doors to amazing careers opened
- build a diverse vocabulary and strengthen fluency in reading
- not be 'afraid' of reading in school
- have the tools to become successful students
- score highest on their assessments.

### Homework

Every week, alongside reading, Year2 children will be asked to learn 8-10 spellings.

Spellings will be in children's planners on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

All children have been provided with a spelling book and a spelling menu to complete their own choice of activities with weekly spellings.

Timetables Rockstar battles will be launched every week as well as rewarding those children who have engaged with timetable practise on the programme.



### Reminders

Please remember that children need to bring their own water bottles into school; please try to encourage water alone. Planners in school every Friday and spelling homework to be handed in every Friday.

### Star and learner awards



Every Friday there will be a praise assembly to celebrate 1 star and 1 learner from each class. If your child has been selected to receive either award, you will be invited to come along and celebrate their success. Please look out for invites on Bromcom.



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### English/Phonics

This term in English, we will be focusing on a Roald Dahl classic, The Twits. We will be working very hard to write a range of different genres ready for making our final writing judgements for the end of Key Stage 1



### Maths

In maths, we will be revisiting shape and time before looking at all areas of the curriculum and revisiting the four operations to ensure the children are completely ready for their end of Key Stage 1 assessments.



### Curious Curriculum



In our Curious Curriculum lessons this half term, we will be studying life in Africa. We will be developing our Geography skills by identifying where Africa is in the Atlas. We will study Africa and look at traditions and customs that it has before comparing it with where we live and how the life of African children differs from our lives in England.



### RE

During the Summer term, we will be focusing more on the religion of Sikhism. We will start our new journey by looking at special places with a focus on special places within the Sikh religion.



### PE

This half term, we will be linking our P.E learning to our Curious Curriculum learning. The children will be focusing on African Dance.



### Music

This half term in music, we will continue to develop of singing skills which includes how we stand when singing and performing and using our singing voices to perform a range of different songs. In our music lessons, we will continue to develop our singing as well as developing our skills around playing the glockenspiel.



### Computing

During the Summer term, the children will be using the app, Scratch, to develop skills of programming.



### Science.

In Science this half term, the children will be looking at the life cycle of a bean and of a bulb. We will be looking at what plants need to grow and how to ensure our beans, seeds and bulbs grow to be healthy. The children will also be planting a bean to ensure they look after it using the knowledge they have developed.

