

Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 1 2023

Welcome Back

It's great to have all the children back at school. It's going to be a busy half term with lots of things going on. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

Phonics and Reading

In the Summer term there will be a greater emphasis on fluency within reading and comprehension skills. We will work on the skills of comprehension as a whole class, while we continue to focus on expression and fluency. It's vital that children are sharing their chosen books at home, whilst practising the skills of reading using their school reading book.

Recommended reads: In class we are sharing the story of 'The BFG'

Phonics



Writing

In the Summer Term, we are going to be looking at non-fiction texts linked to our topic of plants. We will be writing for a range of purposes, encouraging children to build up their stamina so that they can produce a larger quantity of writing. Children will then be taught the different ways to include grammar within sentences, and how to apply a variety of punctuation. We will work on handwriting, spelling and presentation.



Maths

We will start the term with a unit of work on Fractions, followed by units on measures and time. Alongside this we will have daily practise using the skills of mental maths and calculations, ensuring these basic skills are used frequently so children should have a quick recall when responding to maths questions. We will still enjoy our daily times table rock star sessions and encourage children to join in with our school competitions by logging in at home, to win awards in assembly.



Science – Plants

Children should already be aware that plants need water and sunlight; this unit revisits and extends that understanding. They are also introduced to growing plants from bulbs and from seeds, learning the sequence of germination, and comparing the requirements of germinating seeds with those of mature plants to maintain healthy growth.



Computing – Creating Pictures

This term we will explore how we can create artwork using the different tools and effects available on the computer. We will investigate the work of different artists and the different styles of paintings; impressionist, pointillism, abstract for example and recreate these styles using the Paint a Picture programme on Purple Mash.



Art – Human Form

Exploring how bodies and faces are portrayed in art: looking at the work of a number of artists, using their bodies to form shapes, creating collages and drawing portraits.



History – William Tull

We will find out about Walter Tull, a significant individual in British history who was the first Black British Army officer, who later went on to play football at a high level. Children will start to understand some of the differences in how Walter Tull lived, compared with how life is today.



Music – The Friendship Song

Find the pulse as you are listening to the music: Dance, move, sway with your friends.



PE – Monday and Wednesday

Children will have 2 separate lessons during the week. This will include a Yoga Lesson and an outdoor Athletics lesson.



PSHE – Relationships

In this topic we will identify the different members of our family, understand our relationship with each of them and know why it is important to share and cooperate with others.



RE – Community and Belonging

During this term we will be looking into the religion of Islam.



Homework Project



You could choose your own plants to grow from seeds you buy, or even from the seeds found inside foods eaten at home. As we have nice weather coming up, get yourselves outside and enjoy the nature growing all around us. Remember how much there is to explore right on our doorstep in the Kingswood nature reserve that we visited recently.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars

All children will be provided with their own log in details so you can access at home.



Spelling Shed

All children will be provided with their own log in details so you can access at home.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Smith

Teaching Assistants: Mrs May-Madden & Miss Hudgill.

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.