

Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 2 2023

Welcome Back

It's going to be a busy final half term with lots of exciting 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 pace 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. Please ensure that if your child has a physical reading book, that it is in school each day.

Phonics



Writing

In the Summer Term, we are going to be looking at a range of text types linked to our topic of Minibeasts. 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. We will continue to develop our understanding of grammar within sentences, and how to apply a variety of punctuation. Please continue to help your child read and spell the words from the Year 1 and 2 word list when working at home.



Maths

We will start the term with a unit of work on measurement, including length, mass capacity and time. If your child has a watch, now is a good time for them to wear it! 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 – Animals and their Habitats

This term we look at the basic needs of all animals and how the habitat they live in needs to be able to provide everything so the animals can survive. At school we will learn about microhabitats and minibeasts, while on our trip to Twycross we will look at the habitats of larger wild animals living in different parts of the world.



Computing – Making Music and Presenting

Making music involves learning how different instruments can be used to make different sounds on a computer, and how these can be sequenced to create a desired effect. Presenting explores how to write a create stories, quizzes and fact files including words and pictures.



Art – Art & Design Skills

This unit explores lots of different aspects of Art and Design, including weaving, clay, painting, collage, shading and drawing for fun! Children will learn about specific techniques needed for certain styles of artwork.



Geography – Mini Mappers

This unit explores the different types of weather patterns, and how these can be recorded. It also explores maps, looking into scale and directions.



Music – Reflect and Rewind

We will be listening to some very famous songs linked to famous people and thinking about how these pieces of music can make us feel.



PE – Monday and Wednesday

Children will have 2 separate lessons during the week. This will include a Kwik Cricket and a Tennis lesson.



PSHE – Changing Me

In this topic we will look at some of the changes that take place as we grow and become more independent. Children will talk about and discuss the different stages in the human life cycle.



RE – Judaism

This topic looks at some of the special events that take place for Jews in their lives.



Homework Project

You could find out information about the famous biologist David Attenborough and watch some of his famous film clips on animals from all around the world. You could create a poster or fact file about him and include some information you have researched.



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.

Dates for the diary!



Monday 5th June – Summer 2 Term starts

Tuesday 20th June 2023- Triathlon

Tuesday 11th July 2023 – Twycross Zoo Trip

Wednesday 5th July – Sports Day

Friday 7th July – Transfer Day

Friday 21st – End of Summer 2 Term