



April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely break and that the children are ready for an exciting final term in Year 2!

SATs

Key Stage 1 SATs will take place towards the end of the term. The children will work with their teacher in small groups to complete the assessment in reading and maths. This will be done in a low-key, stress-free way for the children. A separate letter has been posted on ParentHub with more information.

Curriculum

English

We will use the books *On the Way Home* by Jill Murphy and *Halibut Jackson* by David Price as inspiration for different writing activities. We will continue to use powerful verbs, exciting adjectives, adverbs and sentence openers, as well as ensuring we punctuate our sentences properly.

Maths

We will finish our unit on **time**, recognising “o’clock”, “quarter past”, “half past” and “quarter to” and then move on to telling the time to the nearest 5th minute. We will then do a unit on **position and direction**, using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, and then **shape**, learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will also revisit methods we have learnt for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science

Our topic for summer term is **Animals including Humans**. We will learn about animal offspring, different animal groups, as well as life cycles and what animals need to survive.

Geography

Our **topic** this half term is **Weather Around the World**. We will learn about various countries in different continents around the world. We will learn about climate zones and compare the weather and other features of different countries.

Reading

Please make sure your child continues to bring in their reading journal and banded books on their reading day. Your child will continue to take part in a guided reading session and new books will be sent home for them each week. We will focus on decoding, improving fluency and comprehension.

It is important that you continue to read with your child at home regularly; this does not need to be only with school books - all reading counts!

Your child has the opportunity to go to the school library once a week. They may borrow a book if they return their previous one.

PSHE

We will be focussing on health and well-being, looking at strategies to manage different emotions, setting goals and developing a growth mindset, learning about healthy eating and understanding dental hygiene.

Religion and Worldviews

We will focus on Christianity, looking at why Jesus is important in the Christian faith. We will learn what various stories from the bible say about Jesus (His birth, friends and followers, miracles, parables, death and resurrection), as well as what Christians believe Jesus said and did to guide people in their lives (e.g. love your neighbour/teachings on love and forgiveness).

PE

We will do gymnastics and games units. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear on their PE days.

Music

Our lessons will be inspired by **The Carnival of the Animals** by Camille Saint-Saëns. Children will play different percussion instruments throughout this unit.

Spelling

Each week children will continue to be given 6 spellings to learn by the end of the week. The spellings can be found on ParentHub. We will send home a spelling activity sheet every Tuesday which children can complete at home.

Handwriting

We will practise handwriting three times a week. This half term we will focus on joining letters together from the top of the previous letter.

Trips

We have planned a trip to Gillespie Park to take part in orienteering sessions. The dates are as follows:

Friday 10th May - 2O and 2R

Monday 13th May - 2B and 2P

Please see the letter on ParentHub for more information.

Dates for the diaries

Sunday 12th May – Coleridge Fun Run

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day

Thursday 9th July – School reports given to parents/carers

Wednesday 17th July – Parents evening (in-person)

If you have any questions or queries then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy summer term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
The Year 2 Team