

Year 2 Summer Term 2022 Newsletter

We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and found time to enjoy some sunny days. It is wonderful to see the children begin the summer term with their usual enthusiasm and interest in our class work. The summer term promises to be a busy one and this letter outlines some of the areas Class 2 will be exploring during their final term in Key Stage 1.

The topics this term are: *Island Homes, Grace Darling, Flat Stanley, Living things and Health and Growth.*

Parent-Teacher Surgeries

We value the support you give your child. Please email the office if there is anything you need to tell us.



Adults in Year 2

Our Teaching Assistants are Miss Perry, Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Hoskyn.

Mrs Kerins teaches Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Rayner Wednesday to Friday each week. Every other week, Mrs Frost teaches on a Wednesday afternoon for PPA time.

Homework

This summer term we will be sending spelling homework only. As normal, spelling will be sent home on a Friday. The children will be tested on their spelling the following Wednesday.

P.E.

Please make sure your child has a complete P.E. kit in school at all times including warm clothes and outdoor shoes. Do check that your child has clothing that fits them.



English

The children will be completing units of work on extended story writing. We are beginning with *The Light House Keeper's Lunch* by David and Ronda Armitage and *Flat Stanley* by Geoff Brown. We also combine historical writing by looking at *Grace Darling*. Please help your child to write, write and write! Encourage them to use adjectives, good story starters and endings. Capital letters and full stops must be used at all times. Your child has two writing targets. Do ask them what they are.

Maths



We will be continuing to develop the children's understanding of number. The focus in the first half term will be addition and subtraction, including solving word problems. Other units of work this term are fractions of shape and quantities (half, quarter, three quarters), properties of 2D and 3D shapes and measures including time. We start with teaching o'clock and half past times before moving on to quarter to/quarter past times and finally 5 minute intervals. As always, we encourage the children to present solutions to problems in an organised way and to explain decisions, methods and results.

Geography and History

Class 2's geography skills will be extended through our topic work of *Island Homes*. The children will use maps, globes and atlases to identify locations. We will use maps, introduce co-ordinates and learn how to use a compass. In the final half term we will be walking around the village and mapping physical and human features. The children will be looking at local historical figures such as William Westley, Roger Ascham and Nicholas Swallow. We also review the Whittlesford sign and discover what the sign is comprised of. In addition, the children will learn about the life of *Grace Darling*.

Science

We begin with 'Living things' and we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living. We follow this with 'Health and Growth.' We examine how to stay healthy and look after ourselves. We consider what a healthy diet is and how to look after our teeth. As it is the time of wobbly teeth, we also look at the structure of our teeth.



R.E.

In R.E. we will be looking at the Torah and why it is important in every day life for Jews. We will also look at the 10 Commandments in Christianity.

Computing



In computing lessons the children will design algorithms and then test those algorithms as programs and debug them.

P.S.H.E.

We continue to look at how to identify risks, how to work together and how to stay safe. We discuss what helps to create a community. The aim is to show that we all have a equal and valuable role. We continue to build on ways that we can listen to the ideas of others, to present our ideas and model how to resolve issues. This often involves role-play and ideas to help them on the playground and in the classroom.

Art



The books and illustrations by Eric Carle e.g. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, will inspire our art work this term. The children will explore a range of materials to create collages and drawings of insects.

P.E.



The focus this term is continuing with hockey and begin to play rounders in the second half term.

D.T.

In D.T. the children will design and make a wooden photo frame.