



Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome!

Welcome back to the Summer Term from the Year 2 team! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and had time to rest. Year 2 have returned with smiles and exciting stories about their Easter holidays and are ready to begin their last term in Year 2. We hope that this newsletter will give you some useful information about our summer term curriculum and help you support your child. We look forward to a fun filled and engaging term.

Ashwell Learning Journey Topic

In geography, we will be learning about Kenya as a contrasting locality and comparing it with our local area and the UK. Children will explore key geographical features, climates, jobs, animals and plants found in Kenya, our local area and across the UK. They will then use this knowledge to explain similarities and differences between these places. The topic will also help children to develop important map skills, including using atlases, giving directions and drawing simple maps.

English

Our first half term will focus on writing narratives using the books Julian is a Mermaid by Jesscia Love and The Lost Homework by Richard O'Neill. The children will look at story structure before planning and writing their own narratives. After half term we will be writing recounts based on the book Here I Am by Patti Kim and superhero stories linked to SuperJoe Does Not Do Cuddles by Michael Catchpool. The children will continue to develop their phonic and spelling knowledge to help improve their writing across the curriculum. They will also learn the importance of using editing and redrafting as a way of improving their written work. We will also be continuing with weekly handwriting sessions to help develop and improve their handwriting and help develop a cursive script.

We read regularly with the children both individually and in guided reading session. Please make sure you read with your child as often as possible and help to develop their comprehension skills through questions and discussions about the books they are reading.

Mathematics

We will start the term by looking at solving problems involving multiplication and division. We will continue to develop the children's knowledge and confidence to recall the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables, an important skill. We will then go on to study fractions, developing the children's understanding of how to find halves, quarters, thirds and three quarters of amount and shapes. We will look at the different aspects of geometry, including the properties of 2 and 3 D shapes, lines of symmetry, patterns, rotation and right angles. We continue to revise place value and written methods for addition and subtraction.

Please continue to ensure children are completing some number practise at home. Numbots and WhiteRose One Minute maths are good for this and with developing their number fluency or look at the ideas in the 'Maths section' on Google classroom.



Other Core Subjects

Science- Our first science topic this term is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be investigating local habitats to find out about the types of animals and plants that live there as well as comparing different habitats around the world. We will go on to finding out how plants and animals within a given habitat depend on each other by looking at some simple food chains. Our second topic is 'Plants' We will be using our scientific skills to identify the optimum growing conditions for plants and comparing how different plants are adapted to survive in hot or cold conditions.

Computing -In computing, the children will be producing a simple animation on a computer. We will then go on to collecting and inputting data on to a spreadsheet before interpreting this data and exploring how computers are used in the wider world.

Art-In art the children will be finding out how to mix secondary colour and learning how to mix paint to match the colours around them. They will go on to using different materials to make a textured collage.

D& T- In D& T the children will be learning how levers work before designing and making their own moving monster puppet.

PE -In their PE lessons, the children will be learning the skills involved in striking and fielding games and basketball. After half term, we will be focusing on athletics, developing the skills for both track and field events.

Music- The children will learning folk songs and creating sounds to represent three different landscapes. They will then go on to explore pitch.

PSHCE -Our summer term topic, 'Economic Wellbeing', will begin with learning about how we can identify value for money, what a bank account is and savings. This will then lead on to learning about our wants and needs. Our final topics will be 'Safety and our changing bodies'.

RE -The children will continue to learn about different aspects of the Christian and Jewish religions.

Other messages

Peek of the Week is posted on **Google Classroom on a Friday. Please take time to read this each week as it contains information about the week ahead and homework.** Each week homework will include reading, spelling and practising number skills.

PE days will be on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Please can all children have PE kits in school on these days, children should have suitable **indoor** and **outdoor** clothes. PE kits will be returned home at the end of each half term for washing.

Library Day is on a Wednesday.

Best wishes

The Year 2 Team