



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y2 Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you all had a restful Easter break. We've planned an action packed term for Year 2.

In Summer 1 our theme will be 'Ready, Steady, Go!' In science, we will be continuing to plant seeds and care for the plants. We will also be learning about humans and other animals, and what we all need to keep healthy. In DT, we will be exploring different skills used to create and make our own fruit salads. We will continue with our weekly computing, PSHE, music and PE learning. In computing we will be continuing to use Purple Mash and exploring how to create pictures, in music we will be exploring pitch within an animal theme and in PE we will be developing our tennis and rounders skills. Please note that last term's tennis was changed to cricket due to us having a cricket coach every Wednesday in Spring 2. In PSHE, we will be exploring how we can be our best with a focus on looking after our body and over the whole summer term we will be learning some basic first aid, using some British Red Cross resources. At the end of Summer 1 we will be learning about stories Jesus told, in RE.

In Summer 2 our theme will be 'Creatures around the world'. In science, we will continue to think about animals; focusing on habitats and food chains and exploring print making and collage in art. Learning about the countries that make up the UK, continents of the world and animal habitats in those different places will be the focus in our geography lessons. In computing we will be learning to make music and create ideas on Purple Mash, in music we will be developing our understanding of pitch and beat within a water creatures and mini beast theme and in PE we will be developing our running, throwing and jumping skills in athletics. Our PSHE topic will be 'Growing and Changing'. The children will re-visit the term penis and vulva, and will be introduced to the terms testicles and nipples, when learning about the differences between girls and boys bodies. The message about private parts only being touched by themselves will be re-iterated, and who to go to if they feel uncomfortable about others touching them. At the end of Summer 2 we will be exploring the idea of change and transformation in RE.

We will continue with our daily writing, phonics, and Maths lessons as well as regular reading in small groups or 1:1 with an adult. Please do continue to listen to your child read regularly at home, and record any home reading in their reading record. To develop your child's comprehension skills please use the question prompt sheet in their reading wallet to deepen their understanding of the text. Your child's homework will continue to be half termly, and include suggested English, Maths, and topic activities.

During the week commencing 16th May your child will be taking part in the Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). They are not strictly timed tests and most children will be unaware that they are taking them as we will incorporate tasks into everyday lessons. They consist of two reading tests and two maths tests. Results from these tests will support us in making our own teacher assessments at the end of this academic year but they are not the only source of our end of year assessment – we know your child and the SATs is just one way of seeing what they have learnt. If you would like to more about SATs we have arranged for a Zoom meeting at 5pm in Wednesday 4th May with Mrs Bull. Simply click on the link below to join the meeting. It would be helpful if you could name yourself as your child.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834149482?pwd=U0VRaXdPNW02Z1ZNOFZoRXluMWJkUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 3414 9482

Passcode: 168299

We will also post the PowerPoint on the school website.

In the hope of some sunshine, please do start sending your child to school with a named sunhat as well as their water bottle which they have access to throughout the day. Please note bottles should only contain water. Please also make sure that your child is not bringing toys to school or wearing jewellery, unless it is for religious reasons, as this can often be a distraction to their learning. If your child wears earrings please ensure they come to school with small studs and if they wear them on a PE day, please provide tape to cover them. Year 2 will continue to be taught PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays so please provide a named PE jumper, PE t-shirt joggers, shorts and trainers or plimsoles. We also plan to continue with Thermal Thursday so please still ensure your child comes into school in outdoor clothes on a Thursday, with their school uniform to change into to.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Laxton or Mrs. Hawkins.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hawkins and Miss Laxton.