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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y2 Summer Term Newsletter

We are into our final term of Year 2 for your children and we cannot believe they are nearly Year 3! As the Key Stage 1 National Testing (SATs) is optional for Year 2 this year, as a school we have opted out of the tests and will continue our lessons throughout the term as normal.

This term's curriculum

Our overarching topics this term will be **Ready Steady Go** followed by **Creatures around the World**.

Subject	Summer 1 – Ready, Steady, Go	Summer 2 – Creatures of the World
Science	Animals, including humans (specifically food & exercise)	Science-Living things and their Habitats
History		
Geography		Continents, countries and Oceans
Art		Printmaking / Collage
D.T	Food-make a salad (for a celebration)	
R.E	Learning from stories Jesus told	Story / People Jesus Met (<i>Change and Transformation</i>)
PSHE	SCARF-Being My Best	SCARF-Growing and Changing
Music	Exploring rhythm, pulse and beat	Exploring rhythm, pulse and beat
Computing	Coding	Presenting ideas
P.E	Cricket	Athletics- Track and Field

PSHE

We shall be covering the concepts of Growing and Changing, progressing from the content the children were taught last year. A more detailed outline of this will be sent to parents as a separate letter shortly.

Library

The children will have their weekly visit to the school library to select a book to bring home. This is every Thursday. Please make sure that your child returns their library book every week so that they can be issued with a new one. Our system will not issue a new book to your child without the previous one being returned.

Homework

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. It would be fantastic if you could listen to your child read daily, however we do realise that sometimes this is not possible. As before, children will be receiving Sapphire Gems for reading at home. Please do also continue to use the comments section in their reading record to communicate any successes or concerns at home.



At this stage in Year 2 many children are becoming more independent readers and it can be helpful to allow them the opportunity to read to themselves, and then ask them about their reading afterwards. This encourages a focus on the text (as they know they will be quizzed) and a sense of maturity that they are able to access a text alone. For those children who still need guidance and encouragement with their sounding it will be beneficial to read daily and to practice recognition of the common words listed in the center of the Reading Journal.

Please also continue to encourage your child to complete at least 10 minutes of Numbots a week. This is a fun way to help your child to develop their instant recall of number facts; a vital foundation for making links and problem solving.

Outdoor Learning/P.E.

We will continue to provide outdoor learning opportunities where appropriate within the week, so please ensure your child brings to school appropriate clothing for the day's forecast. If any of these sessions are to take place off site, we will let you know beforehand. In Year 2, PE continues to be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors. PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, black shorts/trousers, red school jumper/cardigan and plimsolls/trainers.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alcock and Mrs Hawkins

Year 2 Teaching Team