

Year 2 Newsletter



Summer Term

Our topic this half term is: The Great Outdoors

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. We have lots of lovely learning experiences planned for this half term and we are especially excited about watching the life cycle of a butterfly in our classrooms. Below are the things we will cover:

<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Writing</u> - visual literacy Focus on using ? and !, using the conjunctions and, or, but, when, if, that, because, handwriting and suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, - less, -ly • <u>Around the World Week</u> - Country Report • <u>Reading</u> - Key Text: The Hummingbird, Predicting what might happen next, draw inferences on the basis of what is being said, discussing favourite words and phrases • <u>Poetry</u> - The Sound Collector 	<p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Money</u> - Use different coins to make the same amount e.g. 34p = 20p, 10p, 2p, 1p. 10p, 10p, 10p, 2p, 2p. 20p, 5p, 5p, 2p, 2p. • <u>Add and subtract</u> numbers e.g. $12 + 4 =$, $12 - 4 =$, $14 + 10 =$, $14 - 10 =$, $32 + 21 =$, $32 - 21 =$, $47 + 25 =$, $47 - 28 =$, $5 + 6 + 2 =$ • Recall <u>2x, 5x and 10x</u> table facts e.g. 2×5, $10 \div 5$ • Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division <u>problem solving</u> activities 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Human life cycle</u> - The children will learn about the needs of humans, and what they can do at different stages of their lives. • <u>Butterfly life cycle</u> - The children will observe the caterpillars changing into colourful butterflies. • <u>Animals and their babies</u> - Matching games, noticing similarities and differences. 	
<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland including their capital cities, rivers, mountains and surrounding seas, • Name key features associated with towns and villages in the UK • Around the World Week <p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King's Coronation - 'Who is our King?' and learn about the role of our King 	<p>PSHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families, Keeping Safe, Friends and Conflict, Secrets, Trust and Appreciation <p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Games • Athletics 	<p>Computing</p> <p>Presentation skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use technology purposefully to create a range of graphs, including pictograms. • Use their pictogram to answer questions. 	<p>Art</p> <p>Artist Inspiration: Stephen Wiltshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing sketching techniques including shading, stippling, hatching, cross hatching. • Investigate tone by drawing light/dark lines using pencil • Explore textures and produce an expanding range of patterns

How you can help:

- Support your child with their maths and spelling homework and read with your child regularly.
- Encourage your child to take part in the Inspiration Station, Picture News and the optional Science Homework.
- Help your child to become confident using money - give your child an amount e.g. 45p and ask them to find as many ways as they can to make the amount, ask them how much change they should receive when they pay for things in shops.
- Continue to ask your child to tell you the time. Remind them how we know it is o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, and how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Make flags for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and discuss capital cities, surrounding seas and patron saints.

Other news:

- Over the next 2 weeks, each class will be visiting Kingston Liberal Synagogue. Saturn - Wednesday 19th April, Mercury - Thursday 20th April, Jupiter - Tuesday 25th April, Venus - Thursday 27th April.
- Friday 21st April - Maths Day and Parent Maths Workshop, Small Hall at 9am. The focus for this workshop is multiplication and division
- Friday 28th April, 8.55-9.45am - MANGO Morning (mothers, aunties, nans, grandmothers and other female relatives) are invited into class to participate in a variety of activities.
- Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May - Bank Holidays, school closed
- Friday 5th May - King's Coronation picnic and Dress Up Day, more details to follow.
- W.beg 9th May - Sponsored Spell Week
- SATs
Wednesday 10th May: Maths Paper 1
Thursday 11th May: Maths Paper 2
Monday 15th May: Reading Paper 1
Thursday 18th May: Reading Paper 2
- Thursday 18th May - Class Photographs
- W.beg 22nd May - Around the World Week, more details to follow
- Friday 26th May - PTA Mufti Day for summer fair, more details to follow
- Friday 26th May - last day, school closes for the half-term break and re-opens on Tuesday 6th June.

Many thanks,

The Year 2 team