



# 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:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Writing</u> - visual literacy, writing an invitation, writing information about the Queen</li><li>• <u>Reading</u> - Key Text: The Lonely Beast by Chris Judge. Predicting what might happen next, draw inferences on the basis of what is being said, discussing favourite words and phrases</li><li>• <u>Poetry</u> - The Sound Collector</li></ul>	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <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.</li><li>• <u>Add and subtract</u> numbers e.g. <math>12 + 4 =</math>, <math>12 - 4 =</math>, <math>14 + 10 =</math>, <math>14 - 10 =</math>, <math>32 + 21 =</math>, <math>32 - 21 =</math>, <math>47 + 25 =</math>, <math>47 - 28 =</math>, <math>5 + 6 + 2 =</math></li><li>• Recall <u>2x, 5x and 10x</u> table facts e.g. <math>2 \times 5</math>, <math>10 \div 5</math></li><li>• Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division <u>problem solving</u> activities</li></ul>		<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Butterfly life cycle</u> - The children will observe the caterpillars changing into colourful butterflies.</li><li>• <u>Animals and their babies</u> - Matching games, noticing similarities and differences.</li><li>• <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.</li></ul>
<u>Geography</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland including their capital cities, rivers, mountains and surrounding seas,</li><li>• Name key features associated with towns and villages in the UK</li><li>• Around the World Week</li></ul> <u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Queens Jubilee - Who is our Queen, the role of our Queen, what is a Jubilee and take part in history and celebrate</li></ul>	<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families, Keeping Safe, Friends and Conflict, Secrets, Trust and Appreciation</li></ul> <u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fitness</li><li>• Striking and Fielding</li></ul>	<u>Computing</u> <u>Using the internet</u> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• searching using a key word</li><li>• finding results suitable for children</li><li>• following links to another webpage</li><li>• creating content for an online blog</li><li>• posting positive comments on a blog</li></ul>	<u>Art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploring clay as a medium, developing key skills of 'slip, score and join' with clay.</li><li>• Creating and forming shapes using soft modelling wire.</li><li>• The children will design, make and evaluate a wire, clay sculpture.</li></ul>

### 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, the optional Science Homework and Computer Challenges.
- 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:

- Our annual Maths Day will be held on Friday 22nd April. We will take part in a maths magician workshop.
- Friday 29th April - Reading Morning for Earth and Mars space groups.
- We are closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May.
- Friday 6th May - Reading Morning for Neptune, Pluto and Moon space groups.
- SATs  
Monday 9th May: Maths Paper 1  
Wednesday 11th May: Maths Paper 2  
Monday 16th May: Reading Paper 1  
Wednesday 18th May: Reading Paper 2
- Class Photographs are Thursday 19th May.
- Around the World Week is w.beg 23rd May.
- We will celebrate the Queens Jubilee on Friday 27th May. More details to follow.
- We close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May for the half-term break and re-open on Tuesday 7th June.

Many thanks,

The Year 2 team