

# Year 2 Newsletter



## Summer Term

Our topic this half term is: The Great Outdoors

The focus of this topic is to ensure a smooth transition from the Infant School to the Junior School for the Y2 children. We have planned many exciting activities with the Junior School, for example, a reading picnic with the Y3 children, a sports afternoon with the Y5 children and many opportunities to meet with their new teacher. Please check the school newsletter, updates on Tapestry and the section at the end of this newsletter for dates and times.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWF Persuasive letter</li> <li>• Key Text - Hummingbird by Nicola Davies</li> <li>• Memories of Burlington Infant and Nursery School</li> <li>• Making simple additions, revisions and proof-reading corrections in our writing</li> </ul>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Position, Direction and Movement - focus on right angles</li> <li>• Fractions of an amount and of a shape</li> <li>• Telling the time - o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and to the nearest 5 minutes, duration of activities</li> </ul>		<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWF - Supporting wildlife and endangered animals</li> <li>• Plants - what do they need to grow and stay healthy? What changes happen as bulbs grow into mature plants?</li> <li>• Healthy Living - the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different food types, and hygiene</li> </ul>
<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisiting and developing skills taught throughout the year - presentation skills, internet safety, computer art skills and Scratch (coding) skills.</li> </ul>	<p><u>RE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should we care for others and the world, why does it matter?</li> </ul> <p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Building</li> <li>• Target Games</li> <li>• Sports Day</li> </ul>	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Cycles in Nature</li> <li>• Growing from Young to Old</li> <li>• The Changing Me</li> <li>• Boys' and Girls' bodies</li> <li>• Assertiveness</li> <li>• Looking Ahead</li> </ul>	<p><u>Art and Design</u></p> <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:

- Practise telling the time - o'clock, half past, quarter to/past, minutes past and to the hour, time problem solving e.g. If a TV programme starts at 6.30pm and lasts for 15 minutes, what time will it finish at?
- Share your memories of being at school. Share positive stories with your child from when they moved from Nursery to Reception, Reception to Year 1, Year 1 to Year 2.
- Encourage your child to become more independent and take responsibility for a task at home e.g watering the plants, sorting the laundry, feeding the pets. The children are enjoying having more responsibilities at school!

### Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning 6th June: WWF Week, learning about endangered animals. On Wednesday we will hold our Copper Mile fundraiser.
- Mufti Day for Summer Fair - bring donations of homemade cakes
- Saturday 11th June: 12-3pm, School Summer Fair
- Wednesday 15th June: 9-10am, MANGO Morning (Mums, Aunties, Nans, Grandmas and any other female relatives)
- Monday 20th June: Sponsored Spell Week
- Tuesday 21st June: Year 2 Choir to Rose Theatre (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 22nd June: 9.15am Venus Class Assembly, 2.45pm Mercury Class Assembly
- Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Living Week (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 28th June: Sports Day
- Friday 1st July: 9-10am FUDGE Morning (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and every other male)
- Tuesday 5th July: Year 2 reading picnic with Year 3
- Friday 8th July: 8.50-9.15am Celebration of Work morning for parents of children in Earth and Mars groups.
- Thursday 14th July: Y2 will spend the morning at the Junior School with their Y3 teacher. They will also have their lunch at the Junior School
- Thursday 14th July: Early closure 1.45pm for Parent Consultations (if required)
- Friday 15th July: 8.50-9.15am Celebration of Work morning for parents in Neptune, Pluto and Moon groups. Following this, the Y2 children will go to Beverley Park for sports activities
- Monday 18th July: 1.45pm, Saturn Class Leavers' Assembly
- Tuesday 19th July: 9.15am Mercury Class Leavers' Assembly, 1.45pm Jupiter Class Leavers' Assembly
- Wednesday 20th July: 9.15am Venus Class Leavers' Assembly
- Thursday 21st July: Last day, close at 1.45pm

Dates to follow - Pretend Holiday and Y2 Party. Thank you for your continued support this year. We have appreciated all of your effort and comments throughout the year. Many thanks, Year 2 team