



## Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter

April 2017

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term! We hope you have all had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

### Curriculum

Our main topic this term is 'The Seaside'. Please see the curriculum overview for the term on the reverse of this letter. Please feel free to bring in books, leaflets or other items relevant to our topic.

### SATs

As you are aware, this term, children in year 2 will be carrying out Assessment tasks set by the government between 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May. These will be kept quite low key and we will ensure that they are carried out in a positive and stress-free manner, enabling the children to feel comfortable and relaxed. We may, during the course of the month, organise the school day differently to accommodate for the organisation of the tasks and to maximise support. We would like to remind you that SATs are used to confirm our teacher assessments. Teacher assessments take on board your child's performance over the course of the year, as opposed to their performance on one formal occasion.

### PSHCE

An important part of our curriculum is PSHCE (Personal, Emotional, Social and Citizenship Education), which supports children's development in the underpinning qualities and skills that help us manage life and learning effectively. This half term's theme across the school is 'Relationships'. The children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings associated with these. As part of this theme the children will look at feelings of loss, and understanding what these mean. Some children may have only limited experience of loss, but others may have experienced bereavement, parental separation or divorce. For most children it will be very valuable to have an opportunity to think about these issues. For some children, though, this might be really difficult – for example if they have experienced a recent loss. Please let us know if you feel that your child will find this topic tricky. It is obviously a sensitive topic and we are happy to talk in more detail about this if you'd like to.

### Reading books

The children will continue to have regular opportunities to read to an adult this term and can change books as often as they wish. We would like children to continue taking more responsibility for changing their own book independently this term. Children will need to bring their **book bag** and **green reading record** every day. It is really important in Year 2 that children continue to be reading out loud at home every day with an adult or older sibling. This could be their school reading book or a book from home.

### Family Reading

Family reading has been enjoyed by all, with a fantastic turnout every session- Thank you for all your support! We would love this to continue and therefore ask parents/ carers or relatives to join us at the end of the day (**2.45pm-3.10pm**) on the following dates this term: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.



## Home Learning

A new set of home-learning activities will be stuck in your child's home-learning book. This will need to be returned the following Tuesday. As before, your child will be asked to choose an activity to complete from their home learning grid. Alongside the grid, we will be asking children to revise weekly spellings, which they will not be tested on but will use the words during lessons in the week after the spellings are set. We will also be encouraging children to learn their times tables by setting them little 'speed tables' challenges every week. Please continue to support your child learn their times tables for their weekly speed tables challenge.

## PE

PE days will continue to take place on a Wednesday (dance/gym) and a Fridays (outdoor games). Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school all week as PE days do occasionally have to change. PE kit includes: white t-shirt, dark shorts and tracksuit bottoms, and trainers (to change into for outdoor games on a Friday). **Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is named.**

## Assemblies and performances:

Year 2 will be sharing a class assembly on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. All parents/ carers are welcome to come along and watch. The assembly will start promptly at 9.15am.

As it is the final term in year 2 we would like the children to develop more independence. We would appreciate it if you could separate from your child in the playground and let them go to class on their own when the teacher collects them.

If you wish to speak to us about anything, please do not hesitate to come into school; the end of the day is usually the best time. Finally, we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to you all for your ongoing support. Best wishes for the term ahead,

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