



Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Buttercup and Marigold Classes

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and we hope you had a restful Easter!

The year seems to have gone so fast and we are now in our final term in Year 2. During this term, we will have our KS1 SATs and lots of opportunities to help the children transition to Rectory Gardens and Year 3.

Curriculum

Maths

This term, we will be covering the following topics: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for numbers within 1000. We will revisit money, identifying the value of different coins and notes and measuring length and time. The children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills through daily challenges. Your child will begin to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from any number, forwards and backwards.

Help your child at home by getting them to explain what they have been doing in class, practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

English

In English, we will be teaching grammar, comprehension, spellings and handwriting, as well as daily reading sessions. We will spend the first part of the term focusing on non-fiction writing such as newspaper writing, recounts and biographical writing. Will also create narrative writing.

Help your child at home by reading with them for 15 minutes every day, whether this is a book from school or home, reading is essential for your child's literacy development. Remember to ask questions about the text to help with comprehension. Example questions - Who are the characters? What is the setting? Which character was unkind? How do you know?

Science

In science this term, we will be focusing on plants. We will be revisiting the parts of a plant and how plants grow and reproduce. The children will have opportunities to grow their own plants and observe how they develop. Lastly, the children will look at the importance that plants play in our environment.

Humanities (History & Geography)

We will start this term by looking at Britain in the Stone Age and the land bridge that used to exist between Britain and Europe. We will also look at what life was like in the Stone Age. We will then move through to the Neolithic Age and the use of tools and fire and how this helped to accelerate the development of early humans. In geography, we will do a comparison between where we live and an African village.

Enrichment (French, Music & PE)

PE: In summer 1, we will be completing our team games module. The children will be learning tag rugby, football and hockey. In summer 2, we will be learning Cricket/Rounders where they will practice fielding, bowling and batting. We will finish the year developing racquet skills for short tennis.

French: We will restart our French lessons with Madame Abernethy in summer 2.

Music: We will continue to listen to inspiring music to create our own songs.

Religious Education and Spirituality

In Religious Education, we will be exploring Jesus' miracles. We will be looking at why these miracles are important to Christians. In summer 2, we will look at Islam, its core beliefs and its different festivals. We will also look at the similarities and differences with Christianity.

Homework

Reading books – we will issue new reading books every Friday. **All books are changed on Friday and new books will not be issued until the old books are returned.** If you have lost a book, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Spelling practice – the children will be given six spellings a week. They should write the words several times and write each word in a sentence. Please ensure homework is submitted no later than **Wednesday** each week.

Maths and reading homework – the children will be given these tasks on a Friday to compliment classroom learning. This should be completed by the following Wednesday.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, summer hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc.
- **PE:**
 - **Friday** class PE - children to wear school uniform with trainers
 - **Mondays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience, which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8th May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- Tuesday 9th May – Friday 19th May – KS1 SATs
- Friday 12th May – Stone Age workshop in school
- 15th-19th May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5th June: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the School Office.

Mrs Molloy and Ms Ingleton

Year 2 Team