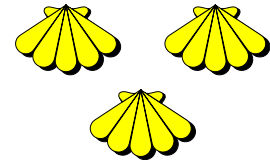


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Summer Newsletter

Year 2 - Yellow Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Easter break. Here is a brief outline of the areas we will be covering in Year 2 in our final term.

In **English**, the children will continue to study a particular author's work and use this knowledge in their writing on the key features of the different stories that we read together as a class. The stories that the children read will be an aid to them using their imagination to create stories of our own. We will be looking at, and writing explanations of, how to look after invented creatures. We will also be exploring poetry - reading, writing, and sharing opinions about the poems we have heard and creating our own including animal calligram poems.

In their **Reading** the children will continue to be encouraged to read fluently, using punctuation to guide their expression. We will discuss what they have read and decipher unknown vocabulary by using some of the spelling strategies we know. We will continue to do written reading comprehensions to build up their reading stamina. The more the children are reading at home (a multitude of texts, not just their reading books) and in school, the more successful they will be at understanding and interpreting texts at length. Please encourage your child to talk about their books at home - encourage them to ask you meanings of unknown words and use the text to try to reach conclusions. Think about how characters might be feeling or why they might all have acted in a particular way and what might happen next in the story. Reading is a vital skill essential to accessing most learning in all curriculum areas. The expectation is that children read at home at least 5 times a week and this is recorded in their reading diaries. We appreciate your continued support with this.

In **Maths** we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of arithmetic when working with the four basic operations as well as fractions of numbers. The children will also be learning about Time, Statistics and Position and Direction. We will continue to work on developing our skills to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s to count quickly and efficiently.

In **Science** we will be covering the unit on 'Uses of Everyday Materials', which includes identifying their properties and their suitability for different purposes. The children will draw on their literacy skills and knowledge of non-fiction reports to help them write-up the results of investigations they undertake.

In **History**, the children will re-visit their learning on the Great Fire of London.



In **Geography**, we will be looking at developing map work skills which will include the introduction of scale.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be looking at mechanisms and structures and using our knowledge of materials (from Science) to help us select the resources we need for a project. When constructing our models we will explore ways to strengthen and support the different parts in appropriate ways.

In **Art** we will be looking at sculptures and building an awareness of some artists and the techniques they use. We will explore different clay skills including score and slip techniques to join and the use of negative spaces.

In **RE** we will be learning about Islam and exploring how Allah is depicted as compassionate and merciful. The children will further explore the Christian faith when looking at peace and considering what a peaceful world might be like.

P.E. will be on **Monday and Friday** each week. P.E. kit is dark blue T-shirt and shorts/skorts and trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure that your child also has dark blue jogging bottoms and top as they will be working outside as much as possible. If your child wears tights to school, please make sure that they have spare socks in their PE bag.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any concerns but please be aware that an appointment through the office may be necessary for longer issues.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Giblin and Mrs Warwick-Baker
Yellow Class teachers

