

Summer Term 2022

Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. This leaflet tells you about our topics for the summer term.

Below, we have included what the children will be learning about in English and Maths. The children will also be doing revision for their SATs during the first half term

In English we are learning about:

First half term:

- Poetry – Riddles about ourselves and animals
- Narrative – Jack and the Beanstalk
- Non-Fiction – Instruction texts: how to grow a beanstalk, how to trap a giant.

Second half term:

- Historical story about The Great Fire of London
- Newspaper reports about the fire.
- Diary entries based on eye witness accounts.

In Maths we are learning about:

First half term:

- Fractions – finding halves, quarters and thirds of numbers and shapes.
- Inverse operations – addition/subtraction, multiplication/division.
- Time – o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.
- Position, direction and rotation – clockwise and anti-clockwise.
- Measuring temperature.

Second half term:

- This half term will involve revision to secure understanding for Year 3.
- Problem solving involving all 4 operations.
- Consolidation of times tables and number facts.
- Mass, length and capacity.

Science: In Science we will:
- observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

ICT: 'Effective searching'. We will explore how to use the internet safely for research. We will gain a better understanding of how the internet works.

PSHE: We will learn about who and what helps us to stay safe.

D.T: We will be designing and making a mechanical poster. This will include creating a sliding mechanism and using levers and pivots.

**In the first half term our Topic is:
What do plants need to grow?**

PE: We will be learning and playing striking and fielding games. We will also be looking at skills for playing tennis.

Music: The children will learn how to represent environmental sounds and create a soundscape.

RE: Through studying Bible and other religious stories, we will explore how we should care for others and the world. We will explore why this is important.

Science: We will be looking at different types of materials and their uses. The children will investigate how and why different materials are used for different things. We will also be investigating whether different materials can return to their original state when they are squashed, twisted, bent or stretched.

DT: We will be looking at modern fire engines. We will make a fire engine based on our own design.

RE: We will be looking at how people care for others. Including significant figures like Dr Barnado and Mother Theresa.

**In the second half term our Topic is:
How did the Great Fire of London start?**

PSHE: We will be looking at the benefits and risks of medicines. We will explore why they are taken and how to keep ourselves safe.

ICT: We will create, organise and store information using spreadsheets. We will create graphs using the information

History: We will be looking at events beyond living memory – The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about how the fire started, what happened and why, eye witness accounts and the effects on London.

Music: We will be listening to and describing music. We will sing and play London's Burning.

PE: During this half term we will explore different athletics activities and orienteering.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for health and safety reasons or the children have tape in school. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit to stay in school when we return after the Easter holidays.

PE days for year 2 are as follows:

Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily and recorded in the reading diaries.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a regular basis. We are currently focusing on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. The children should log in and use Times Table Rockstars.
- Weekly homework - a literacy or numeracy task will be set on a Friday using our online programs.
- Spellings - These are set weekly and tested each Friday.

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and hand it in on time. **Please note - after half term, the children will need an empty shoe box for their D.T. project - it would be helpful if you could provide one after half term!**

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this booklet or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss McDermott & Mrs McLean

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