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## Year 2 Class – Newsletter Summer 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a brilliant Easter break and are ready for the summer term. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to let you know the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through until the end of the year.

In **Maths** there will be a week for each of the following: Number & Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Capacity and Volume, Fractions, Position and Direction, Time, 2D and 3D shape.

**English** will be based on the topics below, with a particular focus on story writing, recounts and non-fiction writing. Children will first be focusing on story writing, becoming familiar with stories such as 'James and the Giant Peach', 'Tiger Child' and traditional tales.

### Our first topic is 'Sowing and Growing':

In this topic, pupils will:

- Plant seeds and record their development.
- Learn how to carry out a fair test by growing cress in different conditions.
- Discover where our food comes from; plant or animal.
- Create a healthy smoothie by using a variety of ingredients.
- Learn about the drawings and paintings of Beatrix Potter.
- Create natural pictures using items around them.
- Understand things that are natural and those that are manmade.



### Our second topic is 'The Big Build':

In this topic, pupils will:

- Explore the materials used to create a variety of structures such as houses and shelters.
- Become familiar with material qualities such as strength, transparency, flexibility and water tightness.
- Conduct experiments to test a variety of materials.
- Explore our own locality through aerial photographs and maps.
- Create their own maps and miniature 3D layouts.
- Create masks using a variety of resources.



## **Phonics**

In phonics, your child will be continuing to learn alternative spellings for the sounds they are familiar with. Your child will continue to practise blending and segmenting which will aid your child's reading and writing. In addition, children will also be learning prefixes and suffixes.

## **Science**

This term your child will be learning about Plants and Gardening. In this unit, children will identify plants, name their parts, tend a garden and observe change. They will also be introduced to growing plants from bulbs and from seeds, learning the sequence of germination, and comparing and contrasting the requirements of germinating seeds with those of mature plants to maintain healthy growth.

In addition, children this term will also learn about Materials. They continue to develop their understanding of the simple physical properties of materials and consider in more detail how these properties make materials useful for particular purposes. During the unit, children will test a range of different materials for different purposes. They also have an opportunity to think about creative and unusual uses of everyday materials and find out about John Dunlop, who invented rubber pneumatic tyres.

## **Computing**

In computing this term, your child is learning all about the topic 'We are Photographers' and 'We are Zoologists'. In 'We are Photographers', your child will be learning about how to take great photos, editing photos and adding effects. Children will be using both the iPads and laptops, becoming familiar with programmes such as 'Photo Editor', 'Photobooth' and 'Pixlr'.

In 'We are Zoologists', your child will be learning to go on a bug hunt, record and identify the small animals they find. They will then organise the data they have collected, record it using a graphing package, and interpret the graph to answer questions about the animals.

## **P.E**

During the first part of the Summer term, Year 2 will be doing P.E on a Monday afternoon with Sam. In Summer Term 2, Year 2 will be going swimming on Wednesdays – so please ensure that your child has a swimming kit in school for the first week back after the May half term.

## **Spellings, Homework and Maths Mascot**

Spellings will still be sent home every Tuesday, following their spelling lesson. Children will be encouraged to learn the spelling rule, and sessions throughout the week will reinforce this. Every Tuesday, your child will have a spelling test which will include the 10 words that were sent home and then two unknown words which follow the same rule.



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For homework, on Tuesdays, a variety of maths calculations will be sent home which follow the weekly Maths skills taught in school. These maths calculations are due in on Mondays.

We also have a Maths Mascot in our class called Leo. The children will have the opportunity to take Leo home for the weekend to do some wonderful maths learning with him. The children will be able to fill in the diary and tell the class what they got up to the following week.

## **Reading Books**

As I am sure you are all aware, in Year 2 we have a reading reward system to encourage your child to read at home. Many of the children are eager to earn the final reward and love seeing their number of ticks increase weekly. Just as a reminder, if your child has finished their reading book and would like this to be changed then your child needs to place their reading book on my desk in the morning.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any other issues please feel free to drop in after school and do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Cousins**  
**(Year 2 Teacher)**