

Year 2 News

Summer Term

April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Here is an overview of what we will be covering this term.

Literacy: We will be starting the term with a real focus on presentation, including handwriting and layout. This will be our focus throughout the term as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar. This half term, we will be immersing ourselves into the world of poetry by looking at a poem called 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. After, we will be writing about real-events and looking closely at the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole to link with our History topic.

Maths: This term, we will begin our learning of fractions and will be moving on to time. It would be great if the children could practise reading an analogue clock in preparation for this. Next, we will have a strong focus on the conceptual understanding of numbers and will therefore be working hard on our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; their relationship and using inverse operations to solve problems. We will also be applying our knowledge of all four operations in different contexts. We will include lots of related problem solving and setting the work to real-life contexts including interpreting statistics.

Science: This term, we will be learning about Living things and their Habitats. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited, describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. In addition, children will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain. This topic links well with our **DT** sequence of learning, where children will be designing and creating a suitable product that attracts more woodland creatures into our environment.

History: During this term our history topic will be focused around two significant figures in history: Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will explore the impact that they have on the Britain that we live in today. We are in the process of booking a Florence Nightingale workshop for 10th May (this will be confirmed soon).

Art: We will use our knowledge of Maritime Greenwich to inform our **Art** for this term. Children will be introduced to a range of media through observational drawing. We will be visiting the Maritime Museum to support us with this. We will delve deeper into London and the River Thames in **Geography** and compare this to the River Nile.

RE: Our focus throughout the Summer term is Judaism. We will be learning about festivals in the Jewish year and Shabbat- the day of rest.

PE: Over the term we will be learning the game of Ultimate Frisbee and develop our team participation skills as well as throwing and catching. We will also be preparing for Sports Day, where children will be practising their Athletic skills based on the kind of games and races that will be involved in. It is also a good opportunity for children to learn how to work well as a team and to encourage each other to do well. Summer Term, PE days for both classes will be on a Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure your child's kit is in at the start of the week.

SATs: Statutory testing in year 2 no longer takes place however we will be formally assessing the children in the latter half of the summer term (July). These assessments will be completed as part of your child's normal schoolwork and are nothing to be worried about. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.



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Home Learning: Please continue to read daily with your child and discuss their books with them. We will continue to send home spellings, reading and Maths homework **on Google Classroom** and we appreciate your support in helping your child complete these and also learning their x2, x5 and x10 tables as a minimum. Please also encourage your child to use these to support them with division facts.

School Trips: We are planning on going to the Maritime Museum in the first half of the summer term to link with our History and Art topics on Maritime Greenwich. In the second half of the summer term, we are using the money raised from the year 2 bake sale (thank you!) to take the children on a school trip where they will get the opportunity to explore and learn about minibeasts. This will link to our Science and DT topics. We will confirm the dates on google classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

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