

Class 2 Summer 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year – it has certainly been a rollercoaster! I hope you are well and looking forward to the final six weeks of the summer term. Although we will be unable to enjoy our usual events and activities at this time of year – the annual trip to the beach, whole school Sports' Day, class assemblies etc – we will still strive to make this time exciting and enjoyable for the children.

I know that many of you will be a little concerned about how the children are 'catching up' after two lockdowns; I can reassure you that the pupils are working hard and that we have been following national guidelines in order to prioritise key aspects of Maths and English without sacrificing other areas of the curriculum. We have also had 1 ¼ hours extra teaching time each week due to our shortened lunchtime breaks.

Mrs Hargreaves will continue to support Class 2 in all Maths and English lessons and in most other areas of the curriculum.

English

Our books this half-term will be linked to our Geography topic. There will be a continued focus on writing in different genres eg reports, postcards, poetry and brochures. Grammar and punctuation will also be a strong focus as we consolidate all we have learned this year.

This half-term's spellings have been given out; please encourage your child to practise them at home, ready for the tests on Monday mornings. I will also give 'bonus words' as an extra challenge, using the relevant week's sound or rule.

Maths

In Maths we will have daily basic skills sessions in order to practise and revise all areas of computation, place value, shape and times tables; Y2 children will begin to access Times Tables Rock Stars. Children will develop their understanding of place value and begin to work with larger numbers.

We will investigate telling the time, volume and capacity and position and direction.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term; the focus is to develop children's understanding of living things and habitats.

DT

In DT the children will be planning and creating their own 3D dioramas of London, incorporating many of the key landmarks. *It would be useful if your child could be provided with an empty shoe box for this purpose, to be brought into school by 16.6.21.*

R.E.

In RE the children will be exploring different faith communities; again, Miss Jewett will be teaching this subject.

ICT

In ICT we will be applying Maths skills by programming a BeeBot to make different turns. We will also link ICT to our Geography topic by using the BeeBot to navigate London and to use ICT to explore the UK virtually. Internet safety will be a continuous focus.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are *Mondays* and *Fridays*. Miss Jewett will teach games skills on a Monday and an external coach will teach football skills on a Friday. *Please ensure that your child comes dressed in his / her P.E. kit on the allocated days.*

Spanish

In Spanish we will continue to develop our knowledge of greetings and basic phrases which we will practise across the curriculum whenever possible. We will practise saying the names of days of the weeks and months of the year and we will count up to 50. We will also begin to answer simple questions about our birthdays and where we live.

Geography

Our topic in Geography this half-term is the United Kingdom. We will learn information about each of the countries which form the UK including facts which demonstrate what makes each of them unique eg their capital cities, famous landmarks and beautiful landscapes. We will also be exploring London in greater depth. An excellent topic for a 'Staycation' summer!

PSHCE

In PSHCE children will explore the topic of *Growing and Changing*. They will discuss different times in their lives and how they have changed since being babies. We will also discuss issues of privacy including the parts of their bodies which are covered by swimsuits, the need to respect other people's personal belongings, and which information should be kept private online. We will also look at basic First Aid; of course, all PSHCE lessons and activities will be taught in an age-appropriate manner.

Homework

We have had positive feedback regarding the return to paper-based homework therefore the system will continue as last half-term ie children will be given a piece of Maths homework linked to the current topic and they will be given a written piece of work linked to their spellings. Reading books will be changed on a Thursday; please ensure that reading folders are brought into school on Mondays so that we can quarantine books effectively.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all of your support this year. I have loved teaching your children and their ability to adapt to different situations so readily is an inspiration!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me (still via the office at this stage) if you have any concerns, suggestions or comments.

I hope you have a lovely summer.

Miss Forth