

Class 2 Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the fifth class newsletter of the school year! As always, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term as well as some very important assessments for Y2 (SATs)* and preparation for the Phonics Screen for Y1 which will occur in the first week after half-term.

We are very lucky as we are continuing to host our teaching student from Durham University, Miss Gallagher. She will be working mainly with Y1 for English and Maths and she will be teaching all of the class for most of the other subjects.

****KS 1 SATs are national tests for Y2 children in Reading, Maths and GPS (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation); they will be taken before half-term and I will try to keep them as low-key as possible in order to minimise any anxiety. Obviously, the tests are important but they are used to inform the final overall judgement as teacher assessment is considered the most accurate way of measuring achievement in younger children. Miss Jewett will also teacher-assess Science.***

English

Our books this term will be linked to the sea, summer holidays and all things nautical. We will be writing reports, diaries and poetry.

Y1 will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and Y2 will continue to develop their ability to use more complex punctuation such as apostrophes for possession.

Maths

Y1 will focus upon number bonds and computation skills this half-term, as well as practising place value knowledge to 100. Y2 will continue to practise rapid recall of 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Class 2 will also learn how to tell time: Y1 will practise reading the analogue clock to o'clock and half-past the hour and Y2 will practise telling the time to five minutes.

Science

The focus in Science this half-term is habitats and how animals are suited to their specific environments. Miss Jewett will continue to teach this subject.

Art

In Art we will be using pencils and watercolours to paint seascapes. We will also be exploring collages using natural materials.

RE

The focus in RE this term is Buddhism; we will be exploring the Buddha's life including where he came from and how he became the Buddha. Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching this subject.

Music

This half-term the children will be taught by Mrs Coulls. There will be a focus upon pitch, volume and rhythm and the children will learn lots of fun new songs as well as new warm-up techniques to make sure our singing voices are at their best!

ICT

This half-term the children will continue to learn how to use technology efficiently and safely. Class 2 will practise creating their own PowerPoints related to our seaside topic.

History

In History we will be exploring what seaside holidays were like in the past; we will look at and discuss present day images and compare them to photographs taken in the Victorian times.

PE

Our PE days continue to be *Mondays* and *Fridays*. Miss Jewett will teach PE on a Monday and I will teach it on a Friday. The focus will be games and ball skills. Please ensure that your child wears his/her P.E. kit on the allocated days; it would be preferable that earrings are not worn at all on these days, if possible.

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 also begin to explore simple phrases and words which would be useful for a holiday in Spain!

PSHE

Our SCARF theme this half-term is *Being My Best* during which we will explore healthy eating, personal hygiene and the importance of exercise. We will also focus on mental health and what we can do to make ourselves and each other feel good.

Homework / reading books/ spellings

Homework will be a mixture of written work and online learning using *Classroom Secrets*, for which all children were given a code last term.

Library day is a Thursday; Book Club takes place on a Friday. Reading books will be changed weekly; please ensure they are returned by Wednesday. Half-termly spelling lists were given out on Wednesday and the tests continue to be on Monday mornings.

Thank you again for your continued support; please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, comments or suggestions!

Miss Forth