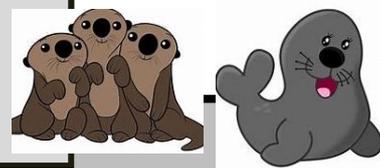


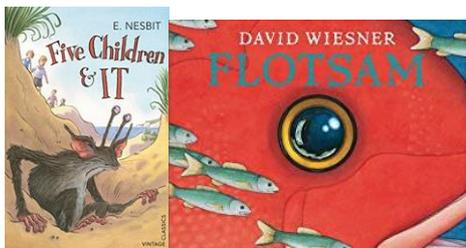


Year Two Summer Curriculum Letter 2019



Welcome back to the summer term! We do hope you all feel well rested and are ready for the busy term ahead. It is lovely to see the children back in school and it is clear that they have all had a wonderful break!

The children will be developing as **readers and writers** through a variety of fiction and non-fiction writing styles. We will also be enjoying the stories **Five Children and It** and **Flotsam**.



We will also focus on developing our recall of the spellings of the Y2 Common Exception Words (see attached list). As well as weekly spelling tests we also spend a lot of time consolidating these words because they form a crucial basis for your child's writing development. Daily Reading practise is also still very important in Year Two. Please remember you are your child's most valuable support when it comes to daily practise with reading and that just five minutes each night will have a big impact! We are really focusing on answering questions about what has been read which that require deeper thinking and inference.

The children will be developing as **mathematicians** by focusing on numbers 0 - 100, adding and subtracting within 100, a range of measurements, multiplication and division. The children will be deepening their understanding and reasoning skills through Higher Order Thinking Questions (HOT Questions), which will enable them to explain processes they went through and improve their problem solving skills.

During our **Topic** lessons, the children will be exploring holidays long ago, heating and cooling, weather around the world and where we are in the world.

There are also plenty of opportunities for the children to get creative! We will be exploring some of the elements of **Music** and our **Art** will continue to support our topic learning.

In **RE** children will explore why Jewish families celebrate Shabbat and how they do this, what the Torah is and why it is important to Jewish people as well as why Christians pray.

PE will continue to be taught inside and outside by Mr Lee, Mrs Pilkington and Mrs Bhamra. The children will get to experience invasion games, ball skills and prepare for sports day.

Explore and Learn at Home!



Check out the following websites and apps for fun games and activities to support your child's learning:
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> (lovely phonics activities)
www.ictgames.com (some great Maths and English games)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (a fun game that helps develop number skills)
www.starfall.com (fun videos and games to support phonic learning)

Please also take any opportunity to practice word and number recognition. For example, looking at signs in the environment, shapes and practical counting as well as talking to your child about the world they encounter.

SATs

The children have had another look at SATs or "Special Booklets" as we call them, this week. We conduct practise SATs to inform our future teaching and see which areas the children are finding difficult. We continue to emphasise that the children must not worry about their "Special Booklets" and that as long as they do their best we are always happy. The actual SATs will be conducted at various points throughout May; we are sending a more detailed booklet with all the information you might need along with this letter.

Reminder!

Diary Dates!

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- Seals Class Assembly: Friday 7th June
- Summer Fayre: Saturday 8th June
- Year Two Sleepover and Summer Fun Day: Thursday 20th June- Friday 21st June (please return slip ASAP!)
- Pedals Cycling: Wednesday 3rd July
- INSET: Friday 5th July
- Information coming soon... End of Year School Trip!

Please Remember!

- School policy is that **pencil cases** should not be brought until Year Three. If your child has been bringing a pencil case, please can it stay at home until they begin in Key Stage Two.
- Please name **all items** brought to school including PE kits and shoes
- Book bag every day with Reading Record
- To support children's independence and reduce "traffic jams" please **wait a few steps back from the Year Two doors** at the start/end of the day and ensure that the children have everything in their hands as they say goodbye to you and enter the classroom
- If you need to discuss anything with your class teacher, then the end of the day is preferable. Please wait until all children have been dismissed. These times of the day are very busy so if necessary please book in an appointment at a convenient time
- Continue to hand all letters and return forms to your class teacher rather than to the office
- **PE kit is needed on Wednesdays & Thursdays for both classes. If your child has pierced ears please remove their earrings on these days**
- Milk is available every afternoon as long as you have signed up to Cool Milk. Please visit www.coolmilk.co.uk for details and to enrol.
- The school has a daily fresh supply of fruit that the children can have for morning break; or throughout the day. If your child brings an additional snack it should only be fruit, vegetables or plain pitta/ bread sticks



Volunteers Required!



We always need help in class so if you can lend any time please speak to a member of the team. If you feel you can share any experiences that will link with any of our learning, we would love to hear from you as well.

As always the Year Two Team would like to say a BIG THANK YOU!

We appreciate all of your support and look forward to a great term ahead!

If you have any queries or questions, please see a member of the team; we are always happy to help.

Mr Lee (Seals), Mrs Bhamra (Otters) & Mrs Pilkington