

## Year 2 Summer Term 2019 - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have two main topics this term. The first is about plastic in the oceans. The second is about our local area with a focus on Pilton history and the local rivers.

In English, we've started with some poetry work. We will study a poem by Patricia Hegarty and Hanako Clulow. We're going to combine the work we did on fictional journey/quest stories and the beautiful language we've explored to write our own text about the journey of a crisp packet into the belly of a whale.

In Maths, we will be securing our understanding of subtraction and how it relates to addition. Then there will be a focus on learning about multiplication and division looking at arrays as well as fractions.

Mrs Buckley will be teaching Music and RE. In Music the children are learning to play ukuleles. Following our RE work last term on places of worship for Christians and Muslims, we will be celebrating the Islamic festival of Eid. More details to follow.

In geography, we're learning about the Rivers Taw and Yeo. We're learning map skills, including compass directions. In History, children are going to compare life in Pilton and Barnstaple now and in the past, going right back to Saxon times. Please look at [Barnstaplehistory.com](http://Barnstaplehistory.com) for some amazing now and then photos.

Our Science we are learning about plastic with lots of investigations to develop our scientific skills. We are planning a trip to Brynsworthy Recycling Centre where the children will meet with and lobby our local MP about plastic use.

The children will take their SATs tests before half term and we will report the results later in the term. These are done in a very low key way so the children don't have any stress put upon them.

If you have any questions about the term ahead please come in and see us.

Thanks, Mr Mortimer, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Ruddick.