



We have made it to the final half term in Class 2 and what a year we have had! It has been a real pleasure to be the teacher of these fantastic children! This half term is very busy for different reasons. We have our school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, sports day on 28th June, transition day on the 2nd July and many more special days. Additionally, the last two full weeks of the term are going to be pirate themed. There will be a letter sent out in accordance to this, giving more details on the exciting events. Also, you can contact me through my email address which is naomi.hemingway@netherthongprimary.co.uk. Keep checking our class blog for updates on what we have been up to in class! Here is a link: <http://www.netherthongprimary.co.uk/our-classes/class-5-test-5/class-2-blog>. Many thanks, Miss Hemingway

English

In our Literacy work this half term we will be linking our work to our history topic of the seaside. We will be writing poems, diaries, stories and many more exciting forms. If you could also make sure that children are practising the common exception words both by reading and spelling them at home it will be very beneficial. We would really like children to increase their stamina for reading so if you could read books from both school and home with your child it would be very much appreciated. Please include any books that you read in addition to any supplied by school in your child's reading record. Children do guided reading each day, and will therefore **need** their **reading book** and **reading records** in school **each day**.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking back over every concept we have learnt so far in year 2, to check children's understanding and knowledge in all areas. Reasoning and problem solving skills will be embedded throughout all maths lessons, details of what reasoning is in maths can be found on the 2nd page. Children can also access IXL to support their maths learning. See the 2nd page for advice on using IXL.

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In Design and Technology this half term we are very excited to be making our own tie-dye T-Shirts. We will look at the processes used and then have a go ourselves. Children will also be incorporating the technique of batik into their t-shirt designs. We will be showcasing these to the rest of the school on Friday 19th July in a 'seaside' themed day.

Important Dates

- Trip to YWP – 10th June
- Sports Day – 28th June in the morning
- Pirate Day – 12th July
- Seaside Day – 19th July

If any other exciting opportunities arise, I will inform you of dates and times.

Science and Computing

In science, we are going to become chefs! Children will be developing an understanding of healthy food and the importance of a balanced diet to create a picnic.

In computing, children will create simple and more complex animations using 2Sequence, exploring harmony and building up musical score. Also they will be presenting ideas using different applications on PurpleMash.

RE/PSHE

In RE, we are going to be looking at how we can take care of our planet and how to treat each other.

In PSHE, we will look at taking care of the environment and rights and responsibilities.

PE

The children will be learning various rugby skills with Huddersfield Giants rugby coaches. Also, we will be developing their skills in tennis with a coach from Thongsbridge Tennis Club.

Topic

This half term, children will be taking an imaginary trip to the seaside. Children will be investigating what we like about seaside holidays today and then going on to look back to why and how seaside holidays became popular in the 19th century and how they have changed since. This will be concluded with a 'seaside' themed day on Friday 19th July to consolidate all we have learnt.

Other Information

Please can you ensure that PE kits are in school every day with suitable footwear for both outside and inside activities. Earrings must be taken out or covered in tape and long hair must be tied back. Reading books **need** to be brought every day.

Ways to help you child in Year 2:



New mathematical vocabulary – Summer 2:

Symmetrical, line of symmetry, fold, match, mirror line, reflection, Pattern, repeating pattern, Cube, cuboid, pyramid, sphere, cone, cylinder, circle, triangle, square, shape, flat, curved, straight, round Corner (point, pointed), face, side, edge, time, days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, etc, seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter, day, week, month, year, weekend, birthday, holiday, morning, afternoon, evening, night, midnight, bedtime, dinnertime, playtime, today, yesterday, tomorrow, before, after, next, last, hour, o'clock, half past, clock, watch, hands

Reasoning in maths

Reasoning enables children to make use of all their other mathematical skills and so reasoning could be thought of as the 'glue' which helps mathematics makes sense. It is fundamental to knowing and doing mathematics.

As you know, we have high expectations in year 2! A copy of our end of year expectations and the Key Stage 1 interim framework can be found on our class page on the school website. Here is a link: <http://www.netherthongprimary.co.uk/our-classes/class-2>

I'd be really grateful if you would regularly read with your child/ren. **Reading is so important, not just for comprehension, but for their writing also.** A child who does not read regularly will struggle to write sufficiently well enough to be a secure writer at the end of Key Stage 1. Ask your child questions about what they are reading and discuss the different grammatical features you see. They should begin pointing these out more as we cover them in class.

IXL is there to support the maths that we are learning in class, I do not expect your child to get 100 for each area that they have for homework, but I do expect them to put the time and work in. If a child is struggling with a certain concept, they can move to a lower year group to gain confidence before returning to their original year group. A link to IXL is here: <https://uk.ixl.com/>

New Vocabulary for this Half-term

Past	Present	Seaside	holiday	festival	pirates
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Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Hemingway and Miss Watkins