

Summer Term - Key Stage 1

Year 2



The Year 2 team would like to say a big thank you for all your support and commitment in helping us to prepare the children for the term ahead. We hope you have enjoyed reading the previous newsletters and that you find the information in this one comprehensive and useful.

Thanks again from the Year 2 Team.

LITERACY

This term we are reading a small selection of poems and using this as inspiration for different genres of writing. Our Power of Reading book will be 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. This exciting book is about an astronaut called Bob. The children will begin by writing letters to Bob to tell him about themselves and ask him some questions to find out more about his life.

The focus this term is to consolidate the children's understanding and use of the grammar targets we have been working on this year. Particularly those they still find difficult to use, such as subordinating (when/if/that/because) and co-ordinating (or/and/but) conjunctions, suffixes such as -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly and the spelling of common exception words and contractions. We would be extremely grateful if you could reinforce this by practising using these in sentences, as well as reminding your child of the importance of punctuation.

READING

Children participate in guided reading sessions in school every week and these focus on decoding skills and comprehension. Children are encouraged to refer back to the book when answering questions to ensure that they focus on the clues in the text.

Children are assessed in school to ensure that they are reading a book of an appropriate level to support their reading skills and comprehension. They are, of course, also allowed to read books from home but please combine this with reading the levelled reading books from school.

We appreciate your continued support in reading with your child at home at least three times a week. Fluency is a focus in Year 2 as children are expected to read 90 words per minute. Listening to your child read aloud will help with this. Regularly reading stories to your child is also important. Hearing someone else read is hugely beneficial for your children and they will be exposed to vocabulary that they may not yet be able to read themselves. Please record these opportunities in your child's reading records. Reading records are collected in every Friday by your child's class teacher and children who have read at least three times a week can bring in a toy the following Friday.

NUMERACY

At the end of last term, the children were learning the names and properties of 3D (dimensional) shapes including cubes, cuboids, spheres and pyramids.

This term the children will be revisiting and consolidating different areas of maths which we have already covered this year. They will be revising methods already taught for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including using inverse relationships and solving missing number problems. They will also be practising fractions, measurement, time and money.

Reading scales and comparing mass at home (preferably in grams or kilograms) would be extremely beneficial. It is important that children continue to practise o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past the hour and 5 minute intervals such as *20 minutes past the hour*. Using coins with your child and working out how much change should be given for the cost of one or two items will help to reinforce what has been taught in school.



IPC & Science topics
From A to B
Plants
Living Things
and their Habitats



Dates for your diary

24th May	Parent 'Pop-In'
25th May	Last day Half Term
12th June	Road Safety Talk
26th June	Sports Day
27th June	Class photos
20th July	Last day of term

Homework will be set on the homework menu at the beginning of each half term. Your child should bring their homework book in on Wednesdays and it will be sent back home on the Friday of that week. All books must be handed in by Wednesday 23rd May for Summer 1 homework.

PE is on Tuesday and Friday for Owls, Tuesday and Friday for Robins and Monday and Friday for Kingfishers. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days. Forest School is on Wednesdays.