



We have made it to the final half term in Year two 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 a busy one for various reasons. We have our school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on the second day back, sports day on 29th June, transition day on the 3rd July and many more special days. Additionally, the last two full weeks of the term are going to be pirate themed. A letter will be sent out in accordance to this, giving more details on the exciting events. If you have any problems then please feel free to come and see me before or after school. Also, you can contact me through my email address which is naomi.hemingway@netherthongprimary.co.uk. Thank you, 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 to us in school. We would really like children to increase their stamina for reading so if you could read with your children books from both school and home it would be very much appreciated. 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 understanding and knowledge in all areas. Reasoning skills will be embedded throughout all maths lessons. I would like children to complete at least one page of Schofield and Sims when this is set as a homework task. However, I may also set homework from the IXL programme. See further support for advice on using IXL. If you do not have access to a computer, speak to me and we can make alternative arrangements.

DT

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 Thursday 19th July in a 'seaside' themed day.

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 with tape and long hair must be tied back. Homework should be handed in on Mondays and given back Tuesdays. Reading books **need** to be brought every day. Spelling tests are going to be on a Monday and new spellings sent out Mondays.

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 by creating a picnic! In computing, children will create simple and more complex animations using 2Sequence, exploring harmony and building up a musical score. Also they will present ideas using different applications on Purple Mash.

RE/PSHE

In RE, we will be looking at how we can take care of our planet and how to treat each other. In PSHE, we learn about taking care of the environment and rights and responsibilities.

PE

The children will be studying healthy lifestyles with Project Sport. Also, we will be developing their skills in tennis with a coach from Thongsbridge Tennis Club.

Topic

This half term children will be take a trip to the seaside! They will investigate 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 Thursday 19th July to consolidate all we have learnt.

Important Dates

- Class Trip to YWP – 5th June
- Sports Day – 29th June (Reserve on 2nd July)
- Pirate Day – 13th July
- Seaside themed day – 19th July

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



Ways to help you child in Year 2:

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 the 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/>

Children in Year 2 should be spending an average of 1 hour across the week completing homework, including reading with your child each night.

There will be 10 spelling words to learn each week. These will be in their orange homework books, which I will expect them to bring in each Monday so their new spellings can be placed there.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Hemingway and Miss Watkins