











Year 2 Newsletter Summer 2017

The summer term is one in which (hopefully) we will be lucky enough to have lots of lovely weather and be able to get out and about to enjoy a little more in the sunshine! This is a busy term which will prepare the children for moving in to Key Stage 2 in September. Again, thank you to all those parents who have supported the children with their reading, spelling, Number Bonds Challenge, Times Tables Challenge and with their homework – it really does make a difference and is time well spent!

Please continue this support throughout the summer term.

English	Maths	Science
<p>This term children will be writing their own non-fiction instructions and recounts. We will also be performing classic poems.</p> <p>We will complete a unit on Myths and Legends where we will study some famous myths and then later on create, and write, our own myths! For this, we will learn lots of new and exciting vocabulary.</p> <p>In grammar we will focus on spellings and the different spelling rules.</p>	<p>We will continue to focus on mental addition and subtraction of two numbers. Children will also continue to learn how to multiply and divide – focussing on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>Later on in the term, we will look at telling time to the nearest five minutes and giving change with money.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>During this term we will continue to observe mini-beasts and their habitats. We will visit the wildlife area in school to find mini-beasts and investigate where they live. We will also look at the life cycles of some animals.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>We will later investigate and explore a range of different materials and their properties.</p>
History	Geography	Computing
<p>In history children will learn about different explorers from the past. They will make comparisons between Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and write their own newspaper reports and diary entries.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>In geography children will learn about physical (natural) and human (manmade) features of different localities. They will compare these features. Children will use information websites, maps, globes, photos and atlases for their research. Children will also explore the differences and similarities between the features in two locations.</p>	<p>This term we will continue to look at Visual Information and how to create a basic graph on a computer. We will use Purple Mash to help us with this. You can also try this at home!</p> <p>We will also begin to look at coding and programming. We will use the app Scratch on the iPads and Purple Mash on the laptops.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

Art	Design and Technology	RE
In art we will be exploring patterns and 3D mystical islands based on the work of Robert Schlenker. We will also design and create our 3D mystical islands.	In design technology, we will research healthy foods and healthy eating. We will design, create and evaluate our own healthy sandwich. 	This term children will think about the important key people in their lives. This thinking will then be transferred to religion, where children will think about the importance of leadership within the major world faiths.
PE	PSHE	French
We will continue with PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure children have their indoor and outdoor PE kit with them every week, including trainers . We will also be doing gymnastics each Tuesday focussing on spinning and turning. We will also prepare for Sports day later in the summer term.	The values for this term are: Hope, Honesty, Trust and Tolerance. Children will look at relationships this half term. We will give children strategies to resolve difficult situations and time to discuss emotions.	Children will build on their knowledge of French through a variety of songs and stories. They will focus on French phonics to help prepare for writing tasks in Key Stage 2. 
Music	Class Assembly	Show and Tell
We will explore timbre, tempo and dynamics this term. Children will listen to pieces of music and compose some of their own tunes! 	Please come and watch our class assembly on Friday 12 th May at 9am. This will be in the hall. You will be able to see what children have been learning this year.	Our show and tell topic for this term is: facts and information about the continents and oceans. The timetable for this is on the Year 2 noticeboard. 
Book Changing	Homework	
Please place any reading books that need changing in the yellow box each morning. If your child is not enjoying a book, please let me know and they will be able to change it for a different book.	Children will continue to receive weekly homework. This will be sent out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Monday . Please try to provide a pencil for your child to complete their work with or ask for one from school. In addition to their weekly homework, children will continue with their Number Bonds or Times Table Challenges. Once children have successfully completed their Number Bond Challenges they will move on to learning their times tables. We are looking for most children to be on their Times Table Challenge during the summer term. www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button is a great website for children to practise their number facts.	
Trips		
We will visit St Nicholas' Church on Friday 28 th April to discover more about Christianity. I will also organise a trip to Anglia Water nearer the end of the Summer term.		

Many thanks for your continued help and support this year, I look forward to seeing you over the course of the term.

Miss Williams