

Year 2

Summer Term

Newsletter



Summer Term Topic

Our topic this term is called Beachcombers. We will be learning the geographical features of coastal areas and conducting fieldwork investigations around the seaside. In History we compare seaside holidays in the past and present. In Art we will be investigating the art of Andy Goldsworthy and creating art of our own in his style. In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making our own picnic sandwich snacks. Towards the end of the term we will celebrate all our learning with a trip to the seaside.

Key Stage 1 SAT's

National Curriculum Assessments, commonly known as SATs are carried out in the Summer Term to help inform teachers' judgements of KS1 pupils' attainment. In 2017, it was confirmed that the KS1 SATs will be non-statutory (so schools will be able to choose whether to administer them or not) from 2024. Like most schools, we feel the KS1 SATs still offer a very useful point for us to assess children's attainment and progress. Unlike the SATs in Year 6, Year 2 SATs form only part of a final judgement made of each child by their class teacher, for each subject assessed. We generally try to keep the testing procedure informal – the papers are not strictly timed, and are usually taken in a normal classroom situation to keep the pressure off children. They are also marked within school, unlike KS2 tests.



The tests they will be taking are:
*English – Reading (2 papers)
*Maths – Arithmetic & Reasoning (2 papers)



We will complete our tests during our school's typical assessment windows in a low-stress, low key way; some children may not even be aware they have taken them!

If you have any further questions about these assessments or your child's level, please contact class teachers.

PE

Children will continue with PE each Tuesday afternoon. Children should come in to school in appropriate PE kit on PE this day. They will need outdoor kit with suitable trainers. PE topics this term include net and wall skills, tri golf, athletics and teambuilding. Please **NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN** and long hair should be tied back.

Homework

Homework is given out on Fridays and needs to be returned by the following Thursday for marking. Children have Purple Mash log ins which can be used at home for extra activities. Please practice spellings regularly to support our reading and writing learning.

Reading continues to be an expectation at home. Remember, children get raffle tickets for reading 3 times a week out of school and they love collecting them and winning prizes. We change books in phonics on a Monday and class books during daily DEAR time.

Lost Property

We have lots of unnamed hoodies in lost property – on the coat stand or in the lost property area in Elm entrance.

Snacks

We are a healthy school so we ask that children's snacks are healthy. Children will be provided with fruit every day for break times.

Warm Weather

Can children please bring in a **named** water bottle so they can keep hydrated throughout the day. Where possible, please can the children come to school with sun cream applied.

Year 2 Team.



Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Whitehurst, Mrs Bryan, Miss Jehan, Mrs Kelly, Miss Lingard, Mr Dolton

