

Year 2 Summer Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Plants and Growing

This term our topic is '**Plants and Growing**' and we will be planting seeds and bulbs and discussing what makes a plant a living thing. We will be comparing life cycles of different animals and we will be explaining their life processes.

In maths we will be learning to find a fraction of a shape as well as a small number. We will revisit doubling and halving. We will also explore time on an analogue clock, statistics and position and direction. We will revisit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue learning your 2,5,10 and 3 times tables. In our writing lessons, we will be authors. We will write books and explore different types of writing, such as instructions, information reports and stories. We will practise using punctuation correctly, joining ideas with conjunctions and creating expanded noun phrases to add detail.

In Geography, we will be learning about our local area and carrying out map work to explore where we live. We will compare our local area with countries outside of Europe. In Science, we will be learning about growing plants and vegetables, and we are lucky to have some duck eggs that will be hatching in the next few days. In the second half term, we will observe caterpillars as they transform into butterflies. We will also be learning about healthy food and will design and make a healthy snack. During PE will work on throwing and catching skills as well as developing skills in athletics. The children will learn to perform a jump and balance and run with speed. They will complete obstacle courses and learn how to work as team in relay races. We will discuss why exercise is good for us and how their heart rate changes during exercise. During RE will continue learning about Judaism, Islam and Christianity. We will discuss special celebrations and link this to our own experiences of celebrations. We will discuss our own sense of belonging and commitments that we have in our lives.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading book and reading log to school every day. When reading, please encourage your child to re-read sentences for fluency and ask questions about their book. We expect children to read at home at least 3 times a week. Please take the time to read with your child, it really does make a big difference to their learning.

As the weather gets warmer please remember to bring a water bottle, sun hat and apply sun cream

Learning ideas you can explore at home

- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel. This can be a book from home.
- Read your reading book from school 3 times a week.
- Play spelling games online or at home to practice reading and spelling of Year 2 common exception words.
- Practice writing for different reasons – a story, a trip out, instructions on how to do something, a letter to a family member
- Know how to count in 10s from any number (23,33,43,53...)
- Skip count in 2s, 10s, 5s and 3s forwards and backwards
- Practice forming your letters and joined up handwriting.
- Practise all four operations (adding, subtracting, multiplication and division) in maths

This can also be found in the National Curriculum objectives that children are expected to achieve by the end of Year 2

P.E. for Year 2

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for P.E.

They should wear:

- **white t-shirt**
- **joggers**
- **purple school jumper**
- **trainers**
- **Black shorts**

Long hair must be tied back and all earrings removed please.