

# 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 plants and we will be explaining their life processes.

**Maths** – 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. We will revisit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will describe movement, learn related vocabulary, and explore concepts of position and direction.

**Writing** – Our writing genres are recounts, letters, stories and non-chronological reports. We will be writing our own traditional tales and reports linked to growing in Science. We will continue to focus on using correct punctuation, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases.

**ICT** – During ICT we will continue talking about e-safety as well as learning how to present information. We will learn drawing and music using digital technology.

**PE** – During PE we will work on throwing and catching skills as well as develop 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.

**RE** – During RE we will continue learning about Judaism. 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.

**Design and Technology** – We are excited to design, make and try healthy foods.

**Art** – This term we will continue working on sketching skills. Inspired by the artist Mary Delany, and we will use torn paper to make flower collages.

## Reading

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.

### 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.

### Footwear

Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate footwear. Black school shoes, no heels and plain black trainers only.

### Water bottles

We would like to remind children to bring a labelled water bottle into school every day. Children concentrate better when they are hydrated and it is important that they have regular water intakes. Please remember that squash or any other flavored drinks are not allowed.

### Hats and Sun cream

As the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child brings a hat to school and sun cream is applied before coming to school.