

Year 2
Summer 1



'Buckets and Spades – part 1'

English

In English this half term we will be looking at the story of *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring and commenting on settings, events and characters and form opinions on the text. We will be writing short recounts and exploring and broadening our vocabulary. Later on in the half term we will be learning how to write a non-fiction report.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to work on our number knowledge and begin to look at ordering fractions as well as finding fractions of number. We will be rounding numbers to the closest ten as well as finding place value through partitioning. We will continue to build on our multiplication and division work. This half term we will also be extending our shape knowledge.

Explore and Discover

In Science we are going to be learning all about plants. We are going to remind ourselves of how to know if something is alive or not. We will learn the parts of plants and closely look at these through magnifying glasses. We are going to investigate what conditions seeds and bulbs need in order to germinate and keep an investigation booklet to show our findings. We are going to learn the names of common flowers and plants and make careful drawings of them. We will learn which parts of plants we can eat e.g. seeds, roots, leaf, fruit or bulb. We will be finding out about the seaside and what people do on a seaside holiday. In the Humanities part of our Explore and Discover we will find seaside locations in the UK on a map. We will be looking at manmade and natural features of seaside places and look at how seaside holidays in the past compare to seaside holidays we have now. In art we will be exploring a range of techniques such as drawing, painting, collage and sculpture. We are going to create seaside pictures, observational drawings of shells and using clay to create a seaside sculpture.

ICT

This half term in ICT we will become researchers using the Internet safely to source knowledge on our topic seaside.

RE

We will continue to study Christianity and other religions. This term we will be looking at the festival of Raksha Bandhan and learning stories from both faiths.

PE

The children will be improving their skills when doing gymnastics and using large and small apparatus. We will be working on games and skills on the field as soon as the weather improves. Swimming lessons will be continuing this term on a Thursday.

Homework

In Year 2 spellings will be taught on a Friday and a tested through dictation sentences on a Wednesday. Every day the children will come home with a book to be read to an adult. The children choose a book from a selection at an appropriate level for their reading ability. A choice of homework is set at the beginning of the half term.

Dates for your diary

- Scooter training on Monday 22nd June 2015 for Orange Class and Monday 29th June 2015 for Burgundy Class.
- We will be visiting Painshill Park on Friday 3rd July 2015 as part of our habitat topic.
- Swimming lessons will take place on Thursdays at 9.15 (Orange) and 10.45 (Burgundy). We need parents with a CRB check to help the children to change for their swimming lesson.

How can you help?

Reading is a partnership between home and school. Please read as often as you can with your child. It really does make a difference! If you are able to help in class in any way, please speak to the class teacher.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Loft and Miss Robinson