

Year 2
Summer Term



Buckets and Spades

English

In English this term we will look at a range of texts, including *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring and commenting on settings, events and characters and forming opinions on the text. We will be writing short recounts and exploring and broadening our vocabulary. We will be learning how to write a non-fiction report about the seaside using formal language. Later in the term we will be looking at a range of poetry and writing instructions. There is a focus on spelling within grammar sessions this term – please encourage your child to practise the common exception words that have been highlighted and sent home.

Recommended websites for Year 2 reading books and activities.

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Maths

This term we will revisit place value, shape, addition and subtraction with an emphasis on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers and using the inverse to check answers. We will work on reading and recording the time to five minute intervals and ordering intervals of time. Practising telling the time at home really helps to embed this. We will also revisit multiplication and division (please practise times tables with your child to help with this), fractions, shape and measuring.

Websites: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=coins>

<http://www.ictgames.com/duckshoot10s.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/100huntplus10.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/add10Depth/index.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/hickoryDickory/>

Use J2 blast program on the J2e website to practise tables

Explore and Discover

In our 'Buckets and Spades' topic, we will find out about the seaside and name some of the geographical features found at the seaside. We will locate seaside locations in the UK on a map and identify the continents and oceans. We will be looking at manmade and natural features of seaside places and how seaside holidays in the past compare to seaside holidays we have now.

In art we will be exploring drawing techniques to make observational drawings of shells and making sculptures using clay.

We will revisit healthy eating and will make our own healthy sandwiches. After half-term we will focus on science, where we will learn all about plants and habitats. We will visit The British Wildlife Centre. Later in the term, as part of DT, we will make moving pictures of animals using levers. The children will learn how different mechanisms such as levers and sliders work to create different effects.

Websites: <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1history.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFIS3aLQPfs>
<http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/QuickLinks.aspx?contentType=2>
<http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/Activity.aspx?siteId=14§ionId=61&contentId=55>
<http://www.firstschoolyears.com/science/living/interactive/growing-plants.swf>

ICT

This half term in ICT, as part of our "We are Researchers" topic, children will be learning how to research information and to use the internet safely. They will work with a partner to create a PowerPoint presentation which they will present to their peers.

RE

We will continue to study Christianity and other religions. We will be looking at other faiths through different stories.

PE

The children will be working on games and field skills this term. Swimming lessons will continue to be on Wednesdays.

Homework

Spellings

Spellings continue to be taught on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday. Please ensure your child practises and learns their spellings, making use of the supporting 'Look Say Cover Write' sheet which they bring home on a Tuesday with their spelling book. **Being able to spell these words is an essential requirement of the Year 2 curriculum.**

Your child should bring their spelling book back to school each Monday.

Reading

Children in Year 2 should be reading 5 times a week to an adult. Please help your child to become a 'rocket reader' by signing their reading record.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Monday and will alternate between maths, reading comprehension and grammar.

Dates for your diary

- We will visit The British Wildlife Centre on Monday 8th July as part of our habitat topic.
- Swimming lessons will once again take place on Wednesdays at 9.15 (Orange) and 10.45 (Green). Thank you to all parents that help the children to change for their swimming lesson.
- PE continues to be on Tuesday afternoons with our PE teacher, Mrs Johnson.

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! Help your child to practise their maths (including their 2, 5 and 10 times tables) by using the above websites. Continue to help your child with their homework each week. Year 2 SATs will be taking place in the middle to the end of May.

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

Mrs Tribe, Mrs Oraziotti, Mrs Kirk and Miss Clarkson.