

Year 2 Summer newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far this year. This term we are all looking forward to our school trip to the zoo! The children are working hard and are making great progress in Year 2. As we enter our final term, your continued support is more important than ever. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 2, so here is a summary of what will be covered in class during the Summer term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

During Summer 1, we are learning all about Charles Darwin! We will be continuing to focus on sentence structure and using conjunctions to extend our writing. We will be learning all about his travels to the Galapagos Islands to help us write a letter back home in the first person. We will continue to develop our spelling skills and work on our handwriting, with a focus on using cursive to join letters neatly and consistently.

We will then be writing a biography all about the life and work of Charles Darwin.

In Summer 2 we will be reading the *Day the Crayons Quit* and *Supertato*. Children will identify and use the key features of instructions to help them write their own.



MATHS

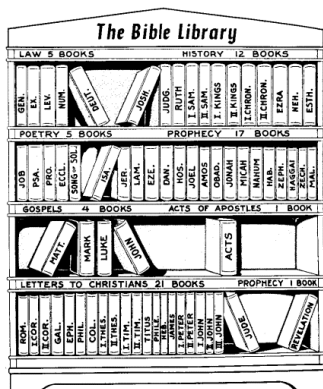
This term, children will continue to develop their arithmetic skills and recall of times tables. They will learn about money, including recognising coins and notes, calculating totals, and finding change. In fractions, they will identify and work with halves, quarters, and thirds. Measurement lessons will include telling the time to the nearest five minutes and understanding length, mass, temperature, and capacity. Pupils will also explore position and direction, using language to describe movement and turns. They will practise doubling and halving to strengthen mental maths, with a continued focus on reasoning, problem-solving, and explaining their thinking.

RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

Year 2 will be learning about the Church and the special signs and symbols which we use to pray. We will be looking in detail at the Mass and how we feel when we come together as God's family. We will be practising the responses so we can try to join in more when we attend Mass.

Throughout the year, children will continue to attend Mass on a Wednesday and prayer services in school. Children will continue with daily Collective Worship opportunities in school and will have the opportunity to plan and lead these themselves within their class.



GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY

In Geography, we will explore climate and weather. Children will learn the difference between the two and how the poles and equator affect Earth's climate. They will carry out simple fieldwork, and collect, record, and analyse weather data.

In Summer 2 children will be learning about how technology has changed our lives. Children will place events and artefacts on a timeline and use evidence to ask and answer questions about the past. They will explore why certain technologies were invented, how they have changed over time, and what has stayed the same.

SCIENCE

During the Summer term, we will begin our new unit on Plants.

We will explore how plants grow from seeds and bulbs, learning that these contain stored food to help them begin to grow. We will investigate the conditions plants need to grow well, such as water, light, and warmth. As part of our learning, we will carry out an investigation and observe the different stages of plant growth. We will also discover how plants reproduce. Throughout the unit, we will continue to develop our scientific vocabulary and strengthen our ability to think and work scientifically.

COMPUTING

Children will continue to develop their understanding of simple computer programming using Purple Mash. We will be focusing on creating pictures.

Before using technology, children are always reminded of internet safety rules.

This term we will be focusing on using a range of Purple Mash programmes and we will be improving our computer literacy skills with a special focus on presenting ideas.



PE

This term in PE, children will develop skills in hitting, catching, and running through a range of games, improving coordination and teamwork. They will also take part in activities, building problem-solving skills, communication, and confidence while working collaboratively in different challenges.

ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be learning about sculpture. We will be learning how artists have been inspired by castles to create our own clay relief sculptures.

In Summer 2 we will be designing, making and evaluating our own Mexican Chips and Dips!

At home

Homework is set every Friday via Purple Mash or as a written task that children need to return to school.

Please make sure that this is completed by the following Thursday.

It is important that children read at home daily and bring their book bag into school each day so they can also read with a teacher. Children will bring home a book each week: which will be the phonics book they access in school.

During the Summer term PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Please note, all children must be wearing the correct school shoes and not trainers. If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.30pm.

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