

Homework

We encourage all children to read for a short time every day at home. Your child will read most days at school either independently or to an adult. This may not always be their individual reading book, this book is for your child to read to you at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really helps them! Those children that make the most progress are those children who read at home on a daily basis.

Children will be given spellings and homework on Monday which should be returned by Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday morning. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 15 minutes. (These times are a guideline - some pieces may take less time, some more).

For this term's topic homework we would like the children to design a habitat in a show box. First get a shoe box. Next choose a habitat. Here are some ideas:- forest, sea, polar, rainforest, desert. Then decorate the inside of your shoebox to look like your habitat eg a forest habitat might have trees and leaves. After this add 3d animals (models or pictures either printed or drawn. There are lots of ideas online, just type habitat shoe box into google. Please bring into class on (or before) 4th June.



Key Stage 1 Tests

As we have already said the children will take their Tests in the week beginning 21st May. There will be 2 reading papers, 2 maths papers, 1 spelling paper and 1 punctuation and grammar paper. If you have any questions, please pop in and see us! As we have already said, please do not worry, the tests will be part of their daily routine for these weeks.

Expectations in Year 2

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries please pop in to see us.

We look forward to a happy, sunny and enjoyable Summer Term!

Thank you for your continued support. It really is appreciated!

With very best wishes,

Sam Lane and Louisa Cudmore



Year 2 Class Booklet—Summer Term

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Dear Parents,

Well here we are in the children's last term in Year 2. Doesn't time fly? This half term the children will be taking their Year 2 Tests. They will be completing these during the week of 21st May. Please do not worry about these! The children are used to short assessment tasks and these tests will be given to them as part of their daily routine.

Our topic for this term is 'Caring for our World' focussing on Rainforests this half term and oceans after half term. As part of this topic we will be visiting The Eden Project and hope to invite Mark's Ark in to school to learn about creepy crawlies! We will also be visiting Polzeath Marine Conservation Centre and Bodmin Recycling Centre.

We hope you find the following information useful, and it gives you an insight into the teaching and learning that will take place in Year 2 during the Summer Term (although we are sure things will change as we go along).

English

In English this term, we will be exploring explanation texts, writing an information book, riddles and writing our own stories.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- * Comprehension based on different texts
- * Weekly spellings to learn at home based on a spelling pattern
- * Grammar exercises
- * Group guided reading once a week
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult
- * Handwriting practice— this half term the children will continue to practise joining their letters. All children are expected to join their letters (correctly) by the end of the year
- * Daily SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons
- * Visit the library every Friday to choose a new library book. **Please return any library books you may have—lots of children have an overdue book.**

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths planning, adopting the mastery approach to teaching. We will continue to build on your child's knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and explore the relationships between the different operations. By the end of Year 2, children should know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

This term we will be exploring:-

length and height, position and direction, problem solving, time, mass, capacity and temperature.

Science

During the first half of this term we will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We will make observations of a habitat and the creatures that live there. We will then move on to learning about Plants. We will explore the different parts of a plant and investigate what conditions are needed for a healthy plant to grow. We will plant and look after our flowers and vegetables and create an exhibit for the Royal Cornwall Show linked to The Rainforest. After half term our topic will be 'Exploring Everyday Materials'. As part of this topic the children will learn that some materials occur naturally and some do not. Understand that we can change materials by using forces, heating and cooling. Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

RE

In RE we will explore the meaning of May Day and look at how it is celebrated locally. After half term we will be exploring the concept of Creation and the importance of caring for our world.

Computing

This term we will continue to use ICT to support our learning in all subjects. In ICT we will be creating short animations about The Rainforest.

Topic

We will be covering the curriculum in History, Geography, Design and Technology and Art through a topic each term. In Geography we will be learning about The Amazon Rainforest and Brazil. In history we will be learning about different explorers and the impact they have had in the world we live in. In DT we will focussing on cookery and we will be making Rainforest Cookies. In art we will be using pastels to draw pictures of toucans.

Music

Our music topic this term is called 'On Bongo Beach'. This Unit of Work introduces the children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focused around exploring and developing their playing skills. The children will have the opportunity to play beginner instrumental parts, form a basic understanding of notation and of theory and the language of music. We also explore rock music and learn I wanna play in a band!

PE

The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Rickard and Rossi. Within our PE this term we will focus on gymnastics. Your child may wear leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor P.E. lessons, however please ensure your child has black shorts and a blue school t-shirt for indoor P.E. lessons. A **named** P.E. kit should be in school at all times. After half term we will also begin swimming on a Monday afternoon. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with further information.