

Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely and relaxing Easter break. This term our exciting topics will be **'The Rainforest'** and **'All around the world'**.

In **English** we will be looking at the story The Great Kapok Tree where we will write fact files about the rainforest, stories and a recount of our school trip to The Living Rainforest. We will also complete weekly reading **comprehension** lessons.



During our **Geography** lessons we will explore The Rainforest and learn about the different continents around the world as well as comparing the UK to a non-European country.

During our **Art** lessons, we will be looking at the famous artist Constable and Turner and comparing landscapes to seascapes before using different brush techniques to create our own seascape. We will also study symmetry in paintings using famous paintings such as The Last Supper to discuss this concept.

During our **ICT** lessons we will be using Lego WeDo to build a moving snail, flower, or tree frog to link in with our science and geography topic.

This term Year 2 will be taught dance by an external coach on a Wednesday. **Outdoor PE** will take place on Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct PE kit in school on these days.



During **Science** lessons the children will be looking at plants and what a plant needs to survive. We will look closely at the parts of a leaf before carrying out our own experiments on how a plant stays healthy.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions 'how special is the relationship Jews have with God?' and 'what is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?' This will be taught by Mrs Mason.



In **Maths** this half term we will be working on time, place value (estimating, counting and comparing), mental strategies for addition and subtraction, partitioning, grouping and sharing and measures and money. We will also continue to work on learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to help us with multiplication and division.



Upcoming Events

- 1st May Bank holiday
- 8th May Coronation Bank Holiday
- 15th May onwards Year 2 SATS start
- 17th May Class Trip
- 26th May Last day of term
- 5th June Inset Day
- 16th June Marvellous Men Day
- 30th June PTA summer fair
- 7th July Sports day
- 18th July Transition morning
- 21st July Term ends 1.30pm

Home Learning

Homework for the first half of the term will continue to be in preparation for the upcoming SATs. After half term, homework will contain a mixture of Maths, English and topic activities. This will be given out on a Friday and will be collected for marking on the following Wednesday.

Spellings – These will be given out with the homework on Friday for a test the following Friday.

Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and practice their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They should also be encouraged to go onto Doodle Maths (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.

Please listen to your child read regularly and leave a comment/signature in their reading log.