



Year 2 Summer Term 2023 Information

Welcome

We have been impressed already with the positive way the children have returned from the Easter break. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to come with us to Seaton Wetlands. We know that the children really appreciated this trip and it would not have been possible without those people volunteering, thanks again. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to help them with their learning this term.

Literacy

Mrs. Thomas's, Mrs. Sobol's and Mrs. Bentham/Mrs Lambert's groups will continue to work through the ReadWriteInc books this term and build upon the fantastic improvements they have made in their reading. Mr. Luxton's group will move on to building their stamina for writing longer pieces through using the texts **Major Glad** and **Major Dizzy** this half term and **Grandad's Secret Giant** in the last half term.

Maths

We will be starting our Power Maths Book C soon (after finishing our unit of 2D and 3D shape) which will cover position and direction, problem solving and efficient methods, telling the time and weight, volume and temperature. If you'd like to help the children get a head start with telling the time, practising at home would be of great benefit to them. We learn o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

History

We have started our topic of **Magnificent Monarchs** which will teach children about the English and British monarchy from AD871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, the children will build up an understanding of the monarch and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.

Art

Our **portraits and poses** project teaches children about portraiture. We will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today.

Design and Technology

We will follow 2 different projects this term. **Cut, Stitch and join** which teaches children about fabric home products and the significant British brand Cath Kidston. We will learn about sewing patterns and using a running stitch and embellishments before making a sewn bag tag. In **Push and Pull** children will learn about three types of mechanism: sliders, levers and linkages. They will make models of each mechanism before designing and making a card with a moving part.

Science

After our brilliant days at Seaton Wetlands we will be following the **Animal survival** project which teaches children about growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. We will build on learning about the survival of humans by identifying the basic needs of animals for survival, including food, water, air and shelter.

PSHE (including Relationship, Sex and Health Education)

In the first half term our focus will be on '**Relationships**', We will be learning about families, keeping safe (exploring physical contact), friends and conflict, secrets, trust and appreciation and finally, celebrating my special relationships. After half term we will focus on 'Changing Me'. We will be looking at life cycles, changing me, my changing body, boys' and girls' bodies, learning and growing and finally, coping with changes. After our 'Changing Me' topic, we will deliver our relationships, sex and health education. Details to follow in a separate letter.

RE

After finishing our unit learning about weddings and the Sikh wedding ceremony called the Anand Karaj, we will move on to learning about prayers and places of worship including Friday prayers for muslims called Jumu'ah.

PE

We will be building our understanding of **Team Building, Athletic skills and striking and fielding skills** during our indoor and outdoor lessons. Our PE lessons will still be on Mondays and Wednesdays with the children being able to wear PE kits on those days.

Computing

Our final three units in computing will be **spreadsheets, creating pictures and presenting ideas**. We will identify the main features of spreadsheets and how to insert functions, create pictures in software using dots, lines and patterns and finally use tables, pictures and information to create fact-files and presentations.

Key reminders.

Book Bags and Reading Records: Please bring book bags to school every day with your child's Reading Record. We will check reading records every Monday with the school expectation that children are reading at home at least 5 times a week and this is recorded in their reading record.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in school so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

School Dinners: Please ensure you book your child's school dinner by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch we will send a note home to inform you.

Medication: Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. Please phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment please let the office know.

Birthdays: If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets.

Key dates for the Summer Term

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Year 2 Mosque trip: Wednesday 3rd May

King's coronation Bank Holiday : Monday 8th May

Outdoor Classroom: 2AL Monday 22nd May. 2DB/CL Tuesday 23rd May

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Year 1 and 2 Sports Day: Tuesday 11th July

End of Term: Tuesday 25th July

Thank you for your support,
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