



## Year 2 Summer Term 2026 Information

### Welcome

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. We have been impressed already with the positive way the children have returned from the Easter break. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children to help them with their learning this term.

### Literacy

Mrs. Thomas's and Mrs. Sobol'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 continue to work on their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills using the Read Write Inc Comprehension Scheme Mrs Bentham/Mrs Lambert's group will be commencing this too. This enables the pupils to look carefully at the vocabulary used in short texts and to look for evidence when answering questions. The children continue to focus on weekly spelling and produce extended writing pieces, linked to the text.

All pupils in Mr Luxton, Mrs Lambert/Mrs Bentham's literacy groups will have Accelerated Reader reading books from the library and will bring these home to read daily. Once they have read the book three times then they can quiz on Accelerated Reader. Mrs Sobol's RWI group will be working on one book per fortnight so will change their RWI once a fortnight and then have a library book that they can read at home once they are confident with their RWI book.

### Maths

We have started our Power Maths Book C which covers fractions, 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 '**Titanic Tragedy**'. The children will learn the story of the Titanic, from its construction to its tragic sinking on 15th April 1912. Through historical accounts and other sources of evidence, they will uncover the human stories and lessons learned from one of history's most infamous maritime disasters.

### 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

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### 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

We will be visiting Seaton Wetlands which will help us in our science lessons, where we will be following the **Animal survival** project. This 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

This half-term we will be learning about the hindu celebration of **Navratri**, and then after half-term we will learn about the prayers and places of worship including Friday prayers for muslims called **Jumu'ah**. We are arranging a trip to the Exeter mosque to support our RE learning this term, more detail will follow in a separate letter.

## PE

We will be building our understanding of **Gymnastics, Athletic skills and striking and fielding skills** during our indoor and outdoor lessons. Our outdoor PE lessons will change to a Tuesday and our indoor lessons on a Friday. Children are able to wear PE kits on those days.

## Computing

Our final three units in computing will be **questioning, Making Music and Presenting ideas**. We will identify the use of **yes/no** questions to sort groups, create pictures in software using dots, lines and patterns and finally use tables, pictures and information to create fact-files and presentations. In addition we will have some lessons following our online safety curriculum.

## Key reminders.

**Book Bags and Reading Records:** Please bring book bags to school every day with your child's Reading Record. Children will also have spellings every Monday. Please can these be practised at home. New spellings will be given each week, linked to the work children are doing in literacy lessons.

**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.

**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 Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May

**Half Term:** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

**Seaton Wetlands trip:** Summer Term 2 dates to follow

**Year 1 and 2 Sports Day:** Monday 15th June 2pm

**Reserve Sports Day:** Monday 22nd June 2pm

**Class swap day:** Thursday 9th July

**End of Term:** Friday 24th July

Thank you for your support,

Mr. Luxton, Mrs. Bentham, and Mrs. Lambert