



St. Andrew's CE Primary School

Year 2 Summer Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope that you had a happy and relaxing Easter break. We have an exciting term planned in Year 2 and a very busy time ahead of us. We have lots to look forward to!

Reminders

Reading Books

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for supporting your child with their reading, it really does make a difference in school as their ability to read impacts on their ability to access the entire curriculum.

Your child has a reading book that they are able to read independently but please try to read with them at least three times a week. Children receive rewards in school for reading 3 or more times a week at home, so please remember to sign the reading record book. When reading, discuss the story, ask questions about what has happened and encourage your child to retell the story in their own words. Now that our children have become fluent readers, we are working on developing engagement and understanding of the books that they are reading.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings and times tables are given out on Monday in preparation for the test on Friday. Last term the children were tested on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts. The children did well but need to keep practising these to improve their speed and recall. It is important that the children are able to recall their times tables in any order so please be mindful of this when practising them at home. Times Tables Rock Stars, for which each child has their own username and password, is a fun way for your child to learn their tables (ask if they have forgotten their log in details!).

Time Challenge

This term we will be sending you details of our Year 2 Time Challenge. Children can earn certificates (bronze, silver and gold) for being able to tell the time and draw hands on an analogue clock. This is part of the maths curriculum that we will cover in lessons but this is something that children need lots of practice with at home too. We will begin testing the children and certificates will be presented. If your child doesn't earn a certificate, they will be given their test to take home so you can see where they need more practice. They will have the chance to try for the certificate again. All children should be aiming for silver (quarter to and quarter past) but can progress to gold (5 minute intervals) if ready.

PE Kits

Our PE day is Wednesday. Children are to keep their PE kits in school in a drawstring bag. Please label every item and check if pumps fit each half term. Thank you.

SATs

In year 2 the children no longer have to sit statutory assessments during the month of May. However, in June we will still be carrying out assessments using SATs materials as our end of year assessments. There is no need to do anything specifically with your child to prepare other than carrying on with reading and homework. If you have any questions please feel free to ask your child's class teacher.

	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
Maths	Arithmetic and Problem solving / reasoning assessments Fractions Time 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.	Problem solving Statistics Position & direction Consolidate Y2 curriculum
English	Reading comprehension Recount Instructions Story Writing Elements of good writing	Extended stories Explanations Poems
Science	Plants	Living Things and their Habitats
Computing		E-safety and Stop Motion
RE/ PHSE	Celebrating special and sacred times	What can we learn from sacred books. Keeping safe Transition to KS2
Geography/History		Flight
D&T		Mechanisms – wheels and axles
Art	Painting	
Music	Instruments	
PE/Dance	Rounders Cricket	Athletics Sports day

Spring Term Highlights

Geography

We learned about Kenya and compared it with the United Kingdom. We now know where the equator is, we can tell the difference between weather and climate and we know what a rhino's horn is made of! We learned two new songs to help us remember the names of the continents and oceans of the world.

Computing

We loved using the Scratch Jnr app to use coding to make an animation. We could write algorithms and even used a loop to repeat instructions to make animals move in a realistic way across the screen.

Design & Technology

We had great fun making a pouch in D&T. We found threading a needle and tying a knot a bit tricky but we were able to sew our felt pieces together. The finished pouches looked fabulous!

Best wishes,
Mrs Barlow-Smith and Mrs Squires
Y2 Team