



Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Easter break. This half term, our value is **DIGNITY**. After half term our value will be **JOY!**

English

We have been delighted with the progress the children have made through the year, particularly in Reading. Much of this is due to your hard work at home and we encourage you to continue to ensure that the children are heard reading aloud very regularly and that this is noted down in their yellow reading diary. Also, we ask that all reading books and diaries are in school every day. Our key foci in Reading this term will be retrieving information from a text and inferring meaning. These are important skills for developing independence and comprehension. We have some fantastic, and very topical, activities planned for English this term, which will aim to consolidate the work we have already done on grammar, punctuation and spelling. The children are becoming much more confident at using a range of literary devices such as noun phrases and conjunctions and we are aiming for them to produce longer and more detailed pieces of writing through the course of this final term in Year 2.

Maths

This term we will be consolidating all of the learning we have done so far in Year 2. The focus of our work will continue to be on number. We will be ensuring the children can partition two digit numbers in a variety of ways and that they have a secure understanding of place value. We will also consolidate adding and subtracting of two two-digit numbers, using a number line and the partitioning method. It will really help if you can continue to practise the 2, 5 and 10 timetables with your child at home and ensure they know the number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Developing fluency with number is crucial and we will be expecting the children to confidently apply their knowledge to solve a range of number problems. We will also be developing the children's understanding of how to use strategies such as an inverse calculation, drawings or manipulative resources to check an answer is correct.

RE

This term the children will be exploring the question: "Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?" They will learn about the sacraments of Baptism and of Marriage within different religious traditions. After half term, we will focus on Islam and will be considering what it means to be a Muslim.

Science

Our topic this term will be Plants. We will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and describing what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy. After half term we will be studying living things and their habitats. This will include identifying habitats and describing how they provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals.

Homework

This will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and will be in a variety of formats. Please help your child to learn their spellings. In addition to this, children should be reading aloud to an adult regularly at home. Please do make a note of this in their yellow reading diary. We will also send home some Maths homework each week, which will sometimes be accessible online through My Maths. The aim is to consolidate the children's understanding of concepts taught in class.

P.E

On Wednesday afternoons the children will continue to have P.E with Mr Smith. Mrs Fine will lead a second P.E session later in the week. This term, the focus will be Gymnastics and Athletics. We will also be developing the children's hand-eye coordination through Multi-Skills sessions. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts and tracksuit bottoms and yellow T-shirts. All children should have trainers and socks. Please check that all items of your child's P.E kit are named. Any children wearing earrings must remove these for all P.E. sessions. P.E. is a statutory part of the curriculum and we expect the children to take part in full kit. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in a P.E lesson, please inform us in writing.

Expressive Arts

Our Art and Design this term will be closely linked to our topic, Travel and Transport. The children will be concentrating on the skill of creating a collage using different materials, working independently on their own design and also on a larger, group piece. Later in the term, we will be using textiles to produce a class quilt inspired by different modes of transport.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our main topic this term will be Transport and Travel. The children will be looking at the different forms of transport humans have used over the years and the types of vehicles that we use today to travel from one location to another. Our lessons will include collecting, presenting and analyzing transport data; learning about the invention and use of the wheel; examining the Science behind how hot air balloons and kites fly; and "Blinging" our Bicycles! As part of our topic, Year 2, along with children from Year 1, will be visiting Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre in Sussex for a first-hand experience of viewing and travelling on vintage vehicles.

Dates

W/C 30/04/18 After school Clubs start
07/05/18 Bank Holiday - school closed
01/05/18 KS1 SATS begin
25/05/18 Half Term
16/06/18 Summer Fair
21/06/18 Y1 & Y2 Amberley Museum trip
28/06/18 Sports Day
02/07/18 Last Week of after school clubs
12/07/18 Open Evening
18/07/18 Art Exhibition
20/07/18 Last day of Term

Philosophy and PSHE

In P.S.H.E, we will use our school values as the basis of our work; Community, Peace, Wisdom, Hope, Dignity and Joy. We encourage our children to listen and respond to others with thoughtfulness and respect. This year we will continue to teach Philosophy for Children (P4C) to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills.

Uniform

Please check ALL items of your child's uniform, coats and bags are clearly labeled to help them become more independent and responsible for their own belongings. The school uniform comprises: grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue jumper/cardigan. Jewelry should be minimal for health and safety reasons. Shoes must be dark-coloured, sensible and weather appropriate.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch us in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak with Miss Morris or Mrs Fine more privately, please see us to arrange an appointment.

Miss Morris, Mrs Fine, Miss Welland and
Mrs Parry
Year 2 Team

