



I hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break and are ready for the new term.

This term, Year 2 will have Maths with Mrs Hewitson and English with Mrs Whiffin. Phonics lessons resumed on Monday 29th April, so all children now know their new group and phonics teacher.

PE (1st and 2nd half term) is on a Wednesday and Forest School (1st half term only) is on a Thursday. Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed every Wednesday and Thursday, and that the children have welly boots or old trainers in school on a Thursday during this half-term.

Key Stage One SATs

This is an important term for Year 2, as they will be taking their Key Stage One SATs tests during May. Please use this link to find further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Last week, the class enjoyed listening to the story of George's Marvellous Medicine. We used the story as the basis for our Reading and SPAG work (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). The children all worked hard and had a go at answering SATs-style questions about the story. The children are bringing their folders home today, so they can share their work with you, and you can see the types of questions that they will be answering in their tests.

We have also been continuing to practise our maths skills, and it is great to see that the children are becoming more confident about using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

After the SATs tests have been completed, the children will continue to work on their writing, as this assessment is made by a teacher judgement at the end of June.

If you have any questions regarding the SATs tests, please do come and ask.

Subjects

Maths

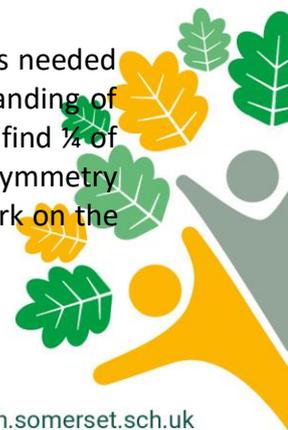
This term, we will keep practising our calculation skills. We will identify the calculations needed to solve word problems, including those involving money. We will review our understanding of fractions and practise working out the fraction of a given number (for example, we will find $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12). We will learn the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes and identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. We will read the time using five-minute intervals. We will continue to work on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

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English

The class will be reading Beegu, a story about a friendly alien and her experiences on Earth. We will be using the story as a basis for writing a variety of text types.

The class will continue to practise their handwriting each day and learn about spelling rules.

Science

This term the class will be focusing on the topic: Plants. The children will observe and describe how seeds grow into plants. They will plan and carry out experiments to find out which things a plant needs to stay alive and grow.

Topic

Our History topic this half-term will be Local Heroes. We will be finding out all about Mary Anning, and the important discoveries she made in Lyme Regis. The highlight of our topic will be our trip to the Lyme Regis Museum on Friday 7th June. We will then look forward to sharing some of our work with you in our Sharing Assembly on Friday 14th June.

Homework in Year 2

MATHS HOMEWORK will come home on a Monday and should be returned by Friday. This will usually be a sheet which will allow the children to practise the skills they have been using in school during the previous week.

SPELLINGS will come home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. This will be a sheet containing words which use the spelling rules that were practised during the week.

READING RECORDS will be checked each week on a Friday. Please sign and comment in your child's Reading Record every time they have read to you at home. This could also include reading an ebook on the Oxford Owl website.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk username and password: tatworth2

In addition to your child's reading book, they may bring home a book they have been sharing and practising during Phonics. Please make time to allow your child to read this text back to you and let them 'be the teacher' so they can enjoy sharing what they have been learning in class.

Snacks and Drinks

The children will all be offered a piece of school fruit during first break. You may wish to send your child to school with a healthy snack for second break (fruit, vegetables, small sandwich) – if so, please ensure it is in a labelled, reusable box where possible.

Please may I remind you that all children must bring a drink to school every day. Please send water only, in a named drinks bottle.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hewitson

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