

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1



Dear Parents and Carers

Our Topic

Our topic this term is 'Buckets and Spades'. We will be thinking about coastlines and seaside towns in the United Kingdom and abroad, and how our sea-sides have changed since the 1900s. In Science, we will focus on living things and their habitats.

English

Our topic will provide lots of opportunities for writing. Children are much more secure now in their structuring of sentences and on making use of ambitious vocabulary. They will now be focusing on editing and improve their own work, to identify their own next steps. Our phonics work will continue to be based around spelling rules, as children should now be relying less on using phonics for writing, and more on word structure.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to work regularly on our Passport targets to secure basic facts and skills. To achieve each target, the children have to say or write their answers in 30 seconds so it's really helpful to practise each target regularly at home.

We will also continue to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; particularly within problems that require two steps, and also in the context of word problems. We will be working on 3D shapes, data handling, interpreting graphs and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Trips and visitors

Please see the weekly newsletter calendar for updates on our planned trip to Filey.

Clothes or equipment

It has been wonderful to have so many children so prepared and excited for swimming! It can be a tight operation to have everyone changed and in the pool on time, so thank you for making sure that children have everything that they need and that it is labelled.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. These are refilled every morning and can go home at the weekend for washing.

How you can help

Regular reading with your child remains vital in Year 2. This should be a short session of about ten minutes at least three times per week to enable your child to practise their phonic skills, enhance their vocabulary and to recognise words by sight. Please date and sign your child's reading record so that we know they have read their home reading books. These will continue to be changed on Wednesdays. You will receive a separate homework leaflet with details about our big homework project this half term and ideas for other activities you can do together at home. **Please remember that the most important homework you can do is reading together regularly, practising phonics and spellings and helping children to learn facts for their Maths Passport targets.**

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evenings last week We are always interested in how children are getting on with their learning at home and want to work with you to keep your child safe, happy and learning well. Feel free to arrange to see us by catching us at the start or the end of the day or by asking at the office to make an appointment.

Thank you, Mrs Black and Mrs Hill

Staff working in class this 1/2 term	PE Days	Reading book day	Spelling day	Library book day
Hannah Black Carol Hill Jayne Corner Jill Dickinson Reece Johnson	Swimming – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Wednesday	Phonics – every day	Monday