

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 2: Summer Term 1



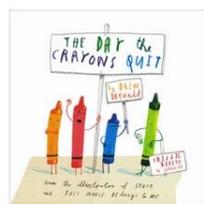
“Are iPads more fun than your Grandparent’s toys?”

This half-term we will be focusing on **History**. We will be learning about popular toys through the 20th century and early 21st century. The children will be thinking about their favourite toy from today before moving on to look at toys which were popular with their parents and grandparents. We will learn about how toys have changed and developed over the years. The children will develop a range of historical skills such as asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources, recognising change and exploring how this influences them today. We will use a range of learning resources which include drawing, discussions, role play as well as writing tasks.

English:

We will use the book ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ to help us write letters and poetry and ‘The Pirates Next Door’ to learn about recounts, descriptions and story writing.

Phonics will be taught in Y1 and **Spellings/Grammar** in Y2 using the ‘Essential Letters and Sounds’ scheme. **Handwriting** (cursive) and **Reading Comprehension** lessons also take place in Y2.



Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

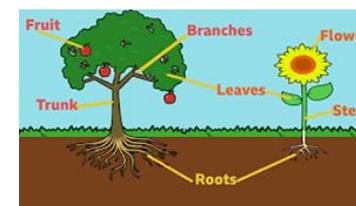
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We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.



Science:

This half term’s Science will focus on the Biology topic ‘Plants -identifying trees, plants and their parts’. We will be learning about the structure of plants and trees and will create a labelled plant collage. We will know how to identify common plants and trees both in our gardens and the wild and also sort deciduous and evergreen leaves.



PE & Games:

This term’s PE lessons are Basketball on a Wednesday and Hockey with the PE Coach on a Thursday.

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.

How you can help at home:

Maths Home Learning (usually Mathletics activities) will be set on Mondays and should be completed by the following week. The children will also be given a set of words to learn ready for a spelling test each Monday. Year 2 need to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables so that they can recall the facts quickly and accurately. Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has signed their reading record. It is important that your child has their reading book in their school bag every day. New reading books will be given for home practice when your child has read with an adult at home and has their previous books to exchange.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday
- Fri 16th May – Sports Day
- Fri 23rd May – Break up for half term holiday

Cross Curricular Learning:

Our **PSHE Ed** topic is dealing with change and loss. In **Art** we will be creating clay houses using different techniques and patterns. Our **Computing** focus is Coding. We will learn what algorithms are and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices. In **RE** our theme is ‘What does it mean to belong to a faith community?’ We will be exploring what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live. Our **Music** topic is called ‘The Friendship Song’ which is a song about being friends. We will be listening and appraising different styles of music, improvising and composing our own ideas, then performing by singing and playing the glockenspiels.

