Summer Term in Year 2



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

We appreciate all your help at home and we know with your support, the children's hard work and our teaching and guidance, together we can achieve success!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you have enjoyed the Easter holidays and indulged on a few tasty chocolate eggs.

A reminder that your class Teaching Assistants are Mrs Creek and Mrs Burnet.
I will be out of class on Wednesday afternoons for teacher planning and assessment time, this will again be covered by Premier Sport and Mr Watkins. I will also be out alternate Thursday afternoons for my leadership responsibility time, again Mr Watkins will be covering this.

A reminder that the school day begins at 8.45am, it is expected that the children arrive at this time to begin their learning. We are still getting a number of children arriving nearer 9am, this means they are missing out on the morning activity we do in class to prepare for the learning ahead.

Here are a few things about our learning this term:

ENGLISH
This term we'll continue our focus on improving children's skills in phonics. We will be having a strong focus on our writing in full sentences and writing more detail. We will be getting the children to remember the correct punctuation and encourage the children to build up their own independent ideas when writing. The children will have the opportunity to also build up their stamina when writing so they want to write more each time. We will also focus on different grammatical elements needed for KS1 writing. We will also be continuing to spend time on English units, which will develop their writing skills further.

Spellings
Spellings will be sent home every Monday and a test will be carried out the following week. Please ensure you practise these with your child on a daily basis to reinforce their learning.

Reading
We strongly recommend that you **listen or read to your child read every** day and talk about the books with them. Please sign their homework diary every time you hear them read at home. Reading diaries need to be in school daily. As usual we will change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if the children have finished reading it.

Maths homework
The children will be set maths work on Mathletics each week. This work will relate to the work we are covering in class or recapping previous learning. If you struggles to get this completed at home, please do let me know and I will allow your child to complete it at school independently during playtime or lunchtime. It really does benefit the children to complete the homework so please do support their learning by doing this with them.

MATHS

We shall be developing our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills further. We will be learning about different measurements – weight, height, length, capacity and temperature, as well as spending time recapping money and geometry. We will be regularly practising our times tables too in preparation for moving into Year 3.

TOPIC – Seaside

This term, the children will be learning about the seaside. We will begin by looking at what they were like in past and then focus on the modern day seaside. We will be comparing a seaside town (Cromer) to Cherry Hinton. We will be looking at maps and be describing geographical features of the seaside. There will be the opportunity to learn about the animals/creatures that can be found at the seaside.
We will be having a trip to Hunstanton on Tuesday 7th July. A letter will be sent out with more details.

PE – Wednesday and Fridays

Our focus this term is Tennis, Cricket and Athletics, please ensure kit is in school every day and that **sensible PE shoes** are worn. School shoes are not acceptable to wear to do PE in. We will aim to be outside as much as possible this term. Our cricket sessions for the second half term will be taken by a cricket coach.

NOTICEBOARD

Please make sure that you regularly check the window of the classrooms for any new information and have a good look in the book bags every night. As well as your child's reading book, you will find any letters which have been sent home that day.

End of the day collection

If you are unable to collect your child for any reason, please can you ensure that the class teacher or office have been informed before the end of the day so we can ensure your child is collected by the correct adult. If we are ever in doubt we will have to contact the office who will then telephone you as we have a responsibility for your child until they are handed over to your care.
Please can I remind you that the school day ends at 3.15pm and you need to be outside the classroom ready at this time.

Lunch

Every child within Key Stage 1 is entitled to a free school meal.

School uniform

Please double check that all your child's clothing is clearly named. Any clothes found without a name will be sent to lost property. We are finding lots of jumpers at the end of the day without names in so we are unable to return them to their rightful owners.

Thank you for all your support so far this year. Please do catch myself at the classroom door if you have any queries or questions.

Kind regards
Mrs Lightning

Dates for your diaries:
Thursday 23rd April – Farm visit into school – letter sent before Easter.
Monday 27th April – Year 2 cake sale – more details to follow, in aid of raising money for our Hunstanton trip.
Monday 5th May – Bank holiday – no school
Monday 18th May – Whole school maths day
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – HALF TERM
Monday 22nd June – Sports day
Wednesday 18th June – Class photos
Monday 29th June – Reserve Sports day
Monday 6th July – Move up morning – Year 2 to spend time in Year 3
Tuesday 7th July – Hunstanton trip – more details to follow.
Friday 17th July – Last day of term