



Curriculum News

Summer 1 - Year 2

English:

Our text this half term is 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl and we will be using this as inspiration to explore the magical world of a peach and all the adventures it can bring. Throughout the book we will be focusing on personal experiences, writing instructions, speech bubbles and creating a character. We will also become authors ourselves and will be writing and publishing our own chapter for James and the Giant Peach. Our focus in all areas of literacy next term is ensuring children are using the correct spelling and grammar throughout their writing.



Maths:

This term we will be learning about geometry with position and direction, fractions and finding change. Through investigations and word problems we will learn to apply the skills we have learnt in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, time and measurement.

We will continue to practise to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s in a range of different ways and through games. To support your child at home in numeracy it would be helpful to continue to practise telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Reading:

Guided Reading takes place daily, children read set texts and develop their vocabulary and understanding through a range of activities.

Please ensure that your child reads each night and that the reading records are filled in by yourself or your child.

Talk to your child about the books they have read by asking them to retell the story in their own words, find out the meaning of unknown words and make predictions using known information.

Topic:

Our topic for this term will be 'Let it grow'.

In **Science** our topic is plants. We will examine what plants need to survive, label parts of a plant and discuss how seeds are dispersed around the world. It is a fantastic opportunity to take your child to a local park to see what plants they can find.

In **Geography** this half term we will be focusing on a range of map skills, looking at what a map is, different types of maps and why we need maps. We will also be learning about UK map skills, using Atlases and mapping our oceans.

In **P.E** we will be focusing on Cricket—looking at team work, batting, bowling and how to use the equipment with more control in a game situation.

PE is on **Wednesday afternoon** and all children need to ensure they have the correct PE kit on this day.

SEAL/PSHCE: Our focus this term is relationships. We will be exploring feelings in the context of our relationships with family and friends. The theme aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 19th April
MEND parent workshop 3.30-4.30pm

Monday 23rd— Friday 27th April
Nursery Parent meetings

Tuesday 24th April
Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6
(school closes at **2pm**)

Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 23rd May
2L Class Assembly—9am Parents Welcome

Wednesday 6th June
2B Class Assembly—9am Parents Welcome

Thursday 17th May
MEND parent workshop 3.30-4.30pm

Homework:

Children need to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables including division facts and being able to answer them.

Reading aloud to an adult or independently every night is essential, it helps so much with their learning! Being able to use their phonic knowledge, pictures in a text for support if they find it tricky, knowing the common exception words and showing a clear understanding of what they are reading all make a massive difference.