

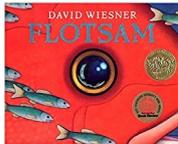


Curriculum News

Summer 2 - Year 2

English:

In English this half term we will be focusing on using common exception words in our writing (see back of this letter for a full list of common exception words). We will use these to write a persuasive letter to Mr Grinling from the text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We will also be looking at personal experiences and writing about our trip to the Bank of England during Maths Week. The main text we will be focusing on will be 'Flotsam' which is a picture book with no words. We will use this to imagine what could be happening, past events, fantasies and writing a story to match the different scenes and scenarios.



Maths:

This half term we will be recapping multiplication and division. We will also have a trip to the Bank of England and will be learning about money and change. We will also focus on measuring and in particular mass, capacity and temperature. Throughout the half term we will be linking all the different topics to problem solving and applying the skills they have learnt. We will be carrying out a range of investigations based upon all four operations, data handling and geometry. These investigations will be allowing the children to apply their mathematical knowledge in practical context.

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 'By the seaside'.

We will be learning about the history of the seaside, natural vs man made and what happens during a typical trip to the seaside in the past compared to now.



In **Science** our topic is plants and healthy living. We will be carrying out a range of investigations to explore plants and compare them. We will also investigate what our body needs to keep healthy and why.

In **History** we will be learning about how money has changed and linking this to Maths Week and our trip to the Bank of England. We will be learning about significant people from the past focusing on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We will be looking at how they made a change to nursing and comparing their similarities and differences.

In **P.E** we will be focusing on moving to a different space, begin to develop skills to aim at a target and observe and adapt our own performance.

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 changes. This theme tackles the issue of changes and aims to equip children with an understanding of different types of changes, positive and negative, and common human responses to it. We will be discussing the upcoming transition of

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 11th June
Year 2 trip to the Bank of England

Friday 15th June
2B Art Day

Friday 22nd June
2L Art Day

26th June
Class Photographs

Thursday 5th July
Sports Day for Years 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday 10th July
Year 2 trip to Walton on the Naze

Wednesday 25th July
Last day of school—school closes at 2pm

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 huge difference.