

## Year 2, Summer Newsletter

Can you believe we are in our final full term of Year 2. How it has flown by! The children are making some lovely progress and have a new spring in their step as we make the most of more daylight and the daily pleasures of spring popping up around us.

In the first half of the summer-term we will be exploring all about plants and lifecycles in science. In history we'll learn about the naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian and her entomology work. In Geography we'll consider the habitats within our locality. For art we'll look at art by Maria Sybylla Merian as well as the abstract expressionism of Wassily Kandinsky. In RE we learn of Jewish stories and in PSHE we will discuss where money comes from and how we can use it wisely. In PE we'll be completing games and athletics both indoors and out. Crikey we cram a lot of learning in! Let's cross our fingers for a lovely, warm term.

Dear families,  
We'd like to improve our Year 2 planters to make it more pretty and welcoming for you and our little insect friends. If you have any non-toxic flower bulbs or plants that you are able to donate, we'd be most grateful!



### English

This term Mrs Crawford will engage the children's interest by writing about minibeasts and our nature and pond area through letters. We will be writing instructions for how bees make honey too.

In our final term we'll be having loads of fun writing stories and writing all about pesky Pirates of the past.

Spellings are an ongoing focus throughout school so helping our children become secure in their Year 2 words is really beneficial. We are now supporting the children to spell aloud with letter names.

## It's A Bug's Life & Land Ahoy

Please begin sending your child in with summers essentials now it's getting warmer. A sun hat, glasses and suncream please. Ideally children should apply sun cream before school and we can top up if needed.

### Dates for your diary...

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
WB- 26<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Class Photo Day  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, PM- Sports Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- INSET day  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June INSET day  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- ASSESSMENT WEEK (Please make us aware if your child will not be in school this week- thank you)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Pirate Day  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July- School Disco  
WB July 7<sup>th</sup> July- Book Fair  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Sutton on Sea trip  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July- Transition morning  
Final Week – Year 2 Talent showdown  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July- Final Day in Year 2- Party Day!



### Reading

Our hope is for your child to learn to love reading, to know and seek out the sort of books that fascinate and excite them and for them to be able to talk with enthusiasm about what they have read. Thank you for supporting their reading at home and if you have difficulties with reading at home just come and chat to us for advice.



This term Mrs Hicken will be teaching all about 3D shapes and fractions of shape and numbers. She will also be revisiting the tricky concepts of telling the time and consider the passing of time and durations of time. Please continue to talk about time using an analogue clock throughout the day with your child.

### Home learning

Thank you for helping your child to complete their home learning on a weekly basis. Their Dojo points are building up along with their skills!

The topic home-learning sheet has already been posted on Dojo and in the classroom windows. What home learning will you create?

