

Year 2 Class Newsletter

Summer 2017



We are now in the final term of the academic year and hasn't time flown! This is a brief overview of what your child will learn this term in Year 2 and a few more details about the next few weeks. Our topic this term is

'Down at the Bottom of the Garden'

	SUMMER	
LITERACY	Traditional Tales (continued) Poetry - Riddles, tongues twisters, humorous verse linked to our garden topic. Non-chronological reports – reports about mini-beasts (What do they look like? What do they eat? How do they move? Where do they live? Other interesting facts).	
NUMERACY	Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the inverse operations. Position, direction and movement. Right angles, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ turns. Multiplication facts 2x, 5x, 10x tables. Missing number problems. Solving problems with more than one step. Scales. Measurement. Capacity. Reasoning.	
SCIENCE	Plants - conditions for growth and to stay healthy. Observing how seeds and bulbs grow. Naming a variety of plants. Mini-beasts – identifying and naming mini-beasts. Exploring their habitats. Simple food chains.	
ART	We will make links to our topic on plants and animals through drawing, printing, painting and modelling.	
COMPUTING	Mini-beasts -Visual information: Charts and graphs, branching database to identify mini-beasts.	
D/T	Axles and Wind - up mechanisms.	
MUSIC	Ocarina, pitch and rhythm, listening to live music, singing skills linked to our topic.	
RE / SEAL	'What can we learn from Sacred books?'	Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan
PE	Tennis	Gymnastics – using large apparatus to create, evaluate and improve sequences.

SATs

Please remember that SATs will be taking place during the month of May. We try to keep these assessments as 'low key' as possible. However it is important that your child is in school promptly during this time. If for any reason they are unable to attend please inform school before 9.20am. Thank you.

Reading at home

Please continue to share your child's school reading book with them on a daily basis. Discussing the information or story, characters, plot and predicting what might happen next will help them enormously to make progress in reading, writing and spelling. We will do our best to continue to hear your child read regularly in school but on occasions, due to SATs, we can't always guarantee this.

Just a few polite reminders.

Please try to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55 am prompt. The beginning of the school day is an important time for children when we welcome them, listen to their news and share with them their learning for the day.

PE kit

This term we are likely to be outside for PE activities as well as indoors so **named** shorts, T-shirts and pumps are vital! Please make sure your child has these in a bag clearly labelled with their name. If you have any problems obtaining suitable kit come in and tell us and we will do our best to help. A sun-hat kept in school is also a good idea for this term.

Water

As the weather is brightening up and getting warmer please could you ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school **everyday.**

Garden Party

Later on in the term we will be having a Bug Party for the children. The children can come to school dressed as a mini-beast. Details of the party arrangements will follow.

Finally we welcome parents and carers into school to help in class or to share their concerns or child's successes with us. Please do not hesitate to speak to us about any aspect of your child's time in school or learning. We will do our best to deal with any issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Team.
Mrs Lomax & Miss Clayton