



Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

24th April 2019

Dear Parents,

First of all the Year 2 teaching staff welcome your children back to school and you to normality! We hope that you and your families had a restful break and that your children are ready and raring to start the summer term, full of enthusiasm!

Curriculum

Our theme for this half term is 'Rocket Science'. Attached to the end of this letter is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term. Please also see the attached knowledge organisers for information about the areas we cover and key vocabulary.

Important Calendar Dates

- SATS information drop in: Thursday 25th April 3.30 – 4.00
- SATs weeks: Week beginning 29th April: SATS Spelling
- SATs weeks: Week beginning 6th May: Reading Paper 1 and Grammar
- SATs weeks: Week beginning 20th May: Reading Paper 2, Maths paper 1 and paper 2
- Year 2 scooter training: 9th May
- Planetarium Workshop (in school): 25th June
- Wetlands centre trip: 27th June

SATs:

At the end of Year 2, children will take SATs in:

- Reading (2 papers)
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths (mental arithmetic and reasoning)

Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by teachers within the school. Instead of the old national curriculum levels, children will be given a standardised score. Teacher assessments will also be used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements. In addition, your child will receive an overall result saying whether they have achieved the required standard in the tests.

During the testing weeks, we aim to provide an environment where the children feel confident and calm. The teachers will carry out the tests whereby children will be taken out in groups. There are no time limits on the tests and the tests can be split into 2 sessions if needed, However, if we feel your child has reached their full potential and can't do any more, we will stop them at this point.

If you would require any extra information or simply have questions you would like to ask, please feel free to join the Year 2 team for a drop-in afternoon on Thursday 25th April.

Reading

It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has on your child's education and development. We would ask that you devote a little time each day for reading together with your son or daughter. Once your child has read their allocated reading book, please sign their reading diary and return the book and the diary to school. We will aim to change your child's book on the same day it is returned.

Homework

As usual, all homework will be given out on Monday and will be expected to be handed in the following Monday. Most of our pupils have now used the Athletics and Bugclub website. If your child cannot remember their log on details, a paper copy of these can be provided by their maths teacher.

Equipment

As usual, please can you check that your child has the following in school:

- Plimsolls, shorts and a t-shirt for PE lessons.
- Trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a spare pair of socks for Games (Elm this term only).
- An art overall, which can simply be an old t-shirt or shirt.

We politely ask that children **do not** bring in their own pencil cases. All stationary equipment will be provided in school.

Swimming

Dragonfly class will be swimming this term. Their first session will be 1st May. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit, towel and swimming hat every Wednesday. The children will leave school at 1.30, travel by coach to Pools on the Park, and return to school by 3.30. If you have any questions or your child has any worries about the swimming lessons, please don't hesitate to talk to your class teacher.

Communication

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Catch us in the playground or email us:

With very best wishes to the parents and carers of our lovely Year 2 children.

The Year 2 team.