

Year 2  
Terms 5 & 6  
2019

"Time Travellers"



PE DAYS

PE in Year 2 will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days and that earrings have been removed. Thank you.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning this year will take the form of Mathematics, spellings, times tables and challenges set in both the Reading Ramble and Maths Meander books.

YEAR 2 TEAM

The Year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back and we hope you have enjoyed some quality family time during the holidays. Your child is our primary concern during their time in school and we hope their time with us is a happy one. If you do have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us or Diane Mulley.

Key Dates:-

Year 2 SATs test week - Week beginning 20.5.19  
Phonics screening retakes - Week beginning 10.6.19

Annabel Cooper Jessica Schaffer  
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English Key Skills

During Terms 5 and 6, we will be continuing to develop our writing skills by writing letters, character descriptions, instructions and recounts. The children will be encouraged to use their reading to influence some of their writing by using key words or phrases that they particularly like. We will also be really focusing on the spelling of the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words so please continue to practice these at home. The use of conjunctions such as 'and', 'when', 'because', 'so' and 'if' will continue to be developed alongside the use of correct punctuation such as question marks, full stops and exclamation marks.

Reading

During shared, guided and individual reading the children are encouraged to apply their phonics skills learnt so far but also to respond to the text. Our main focus this term will be developing the children's fluency in reading, therefore it is essential that they can read the Year One and Year Two High Frequency Words quickly when showed. We will also be comparing texts that we read, looking at alternative versions of traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk. Individual reading books will only be changed after a child has read it twice. Their ramble challenge is to compare books.

Maths Key Skills

Our Maths this term will cover all aspects of shape, space and measure and how these are used in everyday life. We will build on our knowledge of the four main operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and use these to solve problems involving measurement.

We will also continue to develop the children's ability to solve one and two-step problems and use the inverse calculations in to order to find missing numbers.

Science

This term in Science your child will be learning about plants and growth. We will begin by planting our own bean seeds in order to see how plants grow, developing our understanding of terminology such as 'shoot', 'seedling', 'growth' and 'germination'. We will also conduct an experiment to establish what happens if a key component is missing from the growth process e.g. light or water.

Learning Journey

During this term we will become 'Time Travellers'. We will learn about famous explorers and how their expeditions made a significant impact on the world we live in today. As historians we will learn about different sources of evidence including photos, newspaper reports and first hand interviews. We will also learn about 'Our Blue Planet' and how our own actions will also impact on life in the future. In Music the children will be looking at and listening to The Planets by Holst. They will compose planets music using percussion instruments whilst continuing to learn how to play the descant recorder.