

Class 2 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter and are ready for the Summer Term.

Our topic this term is '**Food & Farming**'. During this topic we will learn about different types of farms, including arable and livestock farms, finding out the difference between them and having the chance to think about the different products we get from them. As part of the topic we will be visiting Rodway Farm in Cannington, which will give us the opportunity to meet some of the animals that live on a farm. We are also extremely lucky because in the next couple of weeks we will be receiving some eggs that we will be looking after until they hatch into baby chicks! This will be a fantastic experience for the children because they should be able to see them hatch and will have the opportunity to help look after them.



After half term we will look at healthy eating and how to keep ourselves healthy. As part of this, class 2 and 3 are hoping to organise a lunchtime where the children will be inviting their parents in to share a picnic with them (a date for this will follow). As part of this we also hope to make some healthy snacks to eat at the picnic.



Our science topic this term is '**Plants**'. During this topic the children will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including trees by exploring the plants in our local area. We will also draw and name the main parts of different plants. This term we are also hoping to take advantage of our raised vegetable patches so that we can grow some of our own vegetables from seeds and harvest the food to eat (fingers crossed!). If you have a pair of spare wellies at home, that could stay in school for the term that would be very useful so that your child can wear them during gardening. Please make sure that they are named and are in a carrier bag.



Within computing, the children will continue to use a range of programmes on the iPads and laptops to create and debug programmes. They will look at how to use technology safely and respectfully and will continue to think about how to stay safe when using computers and the internet. This term we are also going to be learning to create basic animations.



During R.E this term we will be looking at the question 'How should we live our lives?'. During this topic we will discuss how our actions affect other people. We will think about what rules and codes of behaviour help us to know what to do and what values are important to us for example forgiveness, kindness, honesty.



Class 2 will continue to have PE on a Tuesday with Mr Irish. The children have also started swimming again on a Thursday afternoon, so please ensure that they bring in their swimming kits. Please also ensure the children have their PE kits in school all the time. If you would like to take your child's PE kit home to wash within the term, please do so at weekends.

In mathematics the children will be working on objectives appropriate for their level. They will be continuing to work independently and as part of a group to secure their knowledge and understanding of number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measurement and geometry. If you are looking for additional ways to support your child at home, it would be especially helpful to support them in recognising and using coins (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2). For example, letting them get the correct money to buy things at the shops and talking to them about the prices of things as you walk around the supermarket.

As well as this it is also important that they are fluent at counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s because this significantly help them when they move onto learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in year 2.



In literacy this term the children will be writing their own stories based on the well-known story ‘The Little Red Hen’. They will also be writing their own information pages about chicks and chickens based on what they learn when they look after their own chicks! The children are also continuing to work hard at improving their handwriting and once they can confidently form their letters correctly will be beginning to learn to join some **of** the letters.

Home Learning



Home Learning- Is still sent home every Wednesday and must be back in ready to be marked by the following Tuesday at the latest. Please also continue to try and practise reading and spelling the tricky words in the back of your child’s home learning book. These are the words that all children should aim to be able to spell by the end of year 1.

Reading – Please continue and read at home with your child at least 3 times a week and comment about their reading in their reading record. Reading at home really does make a huge difference to their fluency and comprehension. They don’t always have to read with you, it could be with grandparents, older brothers and sisters or family friends. Please remember, we would rather they read a couple of pages little and often rather than lots of pages more infrequently.

Spellings – Are sent home each week on a Wednesday and the children are tested on these spellings the following Tuesday. The spelling tests are done in the back of the spelling book so you can see how well they are doing.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled term! If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come and see me at any time.

Many thanks.

Miss Dyer