



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 1
2024

News

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Easter holidays! The children worked extremely hard last term and are making good progress in their learning. We would like to thank you very much for your continuous support with your children's learning.

Literacy

In Literacy we will begin the term with the story 'The Whales' Song'. Children will be retelling the story and using exciting language to write a setting description.

After this children will be reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Children will be retelling the story, and writing instructions to make a disgusting sandwich.

You can support your child by sharing books and stories from your own and other cultures. Also reading comics would be enjoyable reading for many of your children in addition to their colour banded reading books.

Science

This half term our topic will be 'Habitats' which is about the different environments in which animals live. What makes a good habitat. We will also learn about food chains.

This link will support your child's learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-the-food-chain/zbr8d6f#:~:text=A%20food%20chain%20shows%20how,using%20sunlight%2C%20water%20and%20air>

Computing

Children will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will then present data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams. Children will use the data presented to answer questions.

Art

In Art children will develop their craft skills. They will also be learning about digital art. The theme for this topic will be based around Harry Beck and his designs for underground maps.

History

This term we will be learning about significant historical events. We will be focusing on Guy Fawkes. Children will learn about who Guy Fawkes was. They will research what the Gunpowder plot was and will also learn about why Guy Fawkes was involved in the Gunpowder plot. **To find out about Guy Fawkes:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-gunpowder-plot-home/zsb7wnb>

Music

Children have recently been introduced to recorders. They will continue to develop their skills to play the recorder.

P.E

In PE, children have been learning different invasion games such as football and netball.

Maths

We will be learning to find fractions in shapes and amounts and will solve fraction problems.

Learn more about fractions through the BBC Bitesize KS1 Maths: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rbg82>

Our work on measures will include using a ruler to measure in centimetres and metres and solving measures problems. We will also learn about capacity (ml/l) and mass (g/kg). Doing some baking with the children will help their understanding of these concepts. They will also be learning to read time.

Children will then be learning about position and direction, including clockwise and anti-clockwise, quarter, half and three-quarter turns.

P.S.H.E

Our topic is 'Living in the wider world'. We will be focusing on how to keep safe and discussing rules around household products. We will also be learning about the importance of community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Thank you

Miss Carty 2W

Mrs Maher 2P

Mrs Rizvi 2S

and Mrs Amoni 2F



Year 2 Topic Home Learning Summer 1

Please choose **at least** one of the challenges to complete.

Guy Fawkes Poster or Fact File

Watch the BBC video or do a little bit of research online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-gunpowder-plot-home/zsb7wnb>

Create a Guy Fawkes poster/fact file that can be displayed in your classroom! You will need to make sure it stands out and has clear headings.



Here are some key questions to give you ideas for your poster!

- Who was Guy Fawkes?**
- What was the Gunpowder Plot?**
- Why were they making a Gunpowder Plot?**
- Why did it fail?**
- Why do people celebrate 5th November?**



What can you plant?



It's Springtime! Get your garden or balcony ready for summer.

Think about something you would like to plant and plant it!
Think about:



- What could you grow?**
- Do you want to plant a seed or a bulb?**
- Where could you plant it?**
- What will it need?**

Draw your observations of your plant and write what you notice.



Super Power of looking



1. What is Queen Elizabeth holding?
2. What is Elizabeth wearing for this portrait?
3. What might you see, smell or hear if you were transported into this painting?
4. How would you describe Elizabeth's pose?

Compulsory Homework—Maths Fluency Focus

Week 1: Work out a **half** of the following amounts: a) 6 b) 12 c) 18 d) 22

Week 2: Work out a **quarter** of the following amounts: a) 8 b) 12 c) 20 d) 28

Week 3: Work out the missing numbers in the two calculations: a) 44 + _____ = 29 b) 11 + _____ 58 =

Week 4: What is the value of the underlined numbers? a) 86 b) 27 c) 48 d) 67

Week 5: Write a set of instructions for how to make a sandwich. You should include: **adverbials of time, adverbs and imperative verbs.**

Week 6: How many vertices do the following shapes have? a) square b) triangle c) rectangle d) circle

A weekly spelling quiz will take place on a Friday and new spellings will be given on a Friday. Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Fridays.