

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Watson via Class Dojo if you have any questions regarding your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Curriculum

This half term, we're exploring the question 'Why does the world look like it does?'

In literacy, we're focussing on the book 'Iggy Peck, Architect' with an underlying theme of imagination and creativity. We will be exploring materials, their properties and their everyday uses across science and DT and will be extending our geography learning from last half-term whilst exploring the structure of the globe (including the continents, oceans, the equator and the different hemispheres)

We will be applying our knowledge of materials in art when we're creating sculptures through the manipulation of different materials and in PSHE, we will be delving into the topic of 'changing me' which will touch nicely on transitional changes in preparation for our new classes in September.

Reading

Reading remains one of the most vital parts of learning in Years 1 and 2, and we strongly encourage all pupils to read at least five times a week as part of our school's 'Strive for 5' reading scheme. Regular reading helps children to develop fluency, expand vocabulary, improve comprehension skills and build the stamina needed for KS2 and beyond. Reading books set will directly match and reflect the children's phonics groupings/abilities, meaning they should be fully decodable (children should be able to recognise all sounds in the book). The children are reassessed at least termly to ensure their phonics books continue to be at an appropriate level.

Some children may bring home a coloured scheme book too - this is to widen their experience with reading and stories, promoting fluency and a pleasure for reading. Some children may also receive an accelerated reading book. This targets children's comprehension skills whereby upon completion of reading a book, they will complete a mini online quiz to assess their understanding of the book's content. Thank you for continuing to support reading at home - it truly makes a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Phonics Screening

The National Phonics Screening Check for **all** Year 1 pupils will take place on the week commencing Monday 8th June. The test will be conducted by Miss Watson on a 1:1 basis. Children are expected to sound out and blend 20 real words and 20 'alien' words independently to show they are confident with their phonics abilities. More information about the screening check can be found on our class website page and our class DOJO.

Homework

Homework will be set as/when necessary throughout the half term. Any homework set will be posted on DOJO and will directly link to what the children have been learning in class. It is important that children complete any homework tasks set to ensure they consolidate and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Reminders

PE days - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children will be working with Reece (PE Coach) on a Wednesday afternoon and Miss Watson will lead our PE sessions on Thursdays. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too.

Snack - Snack for the half term is £7.00. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send all money into school in labelled envelopes (if you need an envelope, ask on the door and we can provide you with one!)

Dinners - Remember to pre-order children's school dinners on ScoPay. For support with this, contact Mrs Hughes in the school office. If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure all products are **banana and nut free** as we have confirmed allergies in school. Please try to order dinners alongside your child at home to ensure they like what has been ordered for them.

Uniform - Please ensure that your child comes to school in their correct Distinguon uniform with an appropriate jacket for break and lunch times. All uniform must be labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups or anything going missing. Children should come to school with suncream already applied on hot days. They are permitted to re-apply this themselves in school but must not share this with others and school staff are not able to apply this for them.

Empowering Learning

This half term, our focus is on becoming **Independent Enquirers**. We will be applying all of the Empowering Learning targets we have worked hard on this year to become independent enquirers who show curiosity about new things whilst asking a wide range of questions to find out more. We will be fine-tuning our ability to explain simple word problems whilst showing our thinking through the offering of multiple opinions that are justified and supported with thorough, detailed explanations.

Don't miss out!

Please continue to regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo.

Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Class Dojo and our school website, which includes our Year 1/2 class page. Don't forget to check them out!