

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break. We look forward to an exciting and busy Summer Term. Our topics for this term are '**Habitats**' and '**Gardens**'. Throughout May, the children will be taking the Year 2 SATs in Reading and in Maths. They will be doing these tests in small groups.

Maths	During the Summer term the children will continue to revisit topics they have already covered to deepen their understanding. In daily maths activities, we shall practise and develop mathematical reasoning and mental skills. We will be looking at statistics, telling the time and reasoning about shape. The children will also be applying their knowledge by solving problems and puzzles. Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10x table by the end of Year 2 and this can be further practised at home.
English	The children will continue to take part in phonics and spelling groups every morning looking at spelling rules and patterns. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. Please help your child learn these each week. In Literacy, we will work on a variety of genre including narrative, poetry and information texts. We will focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills and will be giving children plenty of opportunities to proof read and improve their writing.
History/ Geography	During the first half-term we will be looking at our local area. We will be going out on a walk to the local park to practice our mapping skills.
Science	We are going to be learning about different habitats and how animals and plants are have adapted to allow them to live in extreme habitats. We will learn about simple food chains too. In the 2nd half term we will be learning about the life processes of plants. We are hoping to go on a trip to the zoo to extend our knowledge of habitats and plant life.
Art	We will start the term by weaving paper and creating fringing. We will learn about 3D sculpture and we will be making our own pop-up art work on food chains and habitats.
DT	We will be looking at different kinds of shelters and will be building a hide to help us observe wildlife.
RE	In RE we will be looking at the religious leaders within different religions. These include Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Islam.
Computing	We will continue to use digital cameras, iPads and other equipment. We will further develop our word processing skills and using the internet for research. We will also be learning how emails are a form of communication.
PE	Year 2 will be doing PE with 'CSE' where they will doing athletics and invasion games.
SMSC	We are looking at relationships and appreciating family and friends. We will also be learning about the physical changes we go through in the human lifecycle.

Respect each other, Belonging together, Achievement for all.

PE- Year 2 PE is on a Friday. Please be reminded that children will need a P.E. Kit in school at all times. This should be black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children will need to bring a bottle of water each day, especially as the weather gets warmer. They do have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. They will have weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. Children will also be set a maths and topic homework. They will have 2 weeks to complete this. Often their maths homework will be an online activity from matheltics.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Year 2 Team