

Year 2 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer is finally here and hopefully the better weather as well! Our new topic is called **Island Homes**. This newsletter will tell you some of the things we will be doing as part of this topic and what we will be learning in the other areas of the curriculum too.

In our English lessons, we will be focusing on our sentence structure and exploring how we can edit our writing to check all of our punctuation is being used correctly and think about ways to improve a piece of work. We will continue to focus on spelling, handwriting and reading as well. Together we will be reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and *Clean Up!* By Nathan Bryon to help us understand the importance of looking after our world. All of these texts will support our writing tasks to create fiction and non-fiction pieces.

Our maths will consist of consolidating all the things we have learnt over the year in order to 'master' areas of the maths curriculum. We will be focusing on different word problems, including those with two steps. We will also continue to work on our arithmetic skills to ensure that we are confident with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, especially using larger numbers.

In science this half term we will begin our new topic *Little Masterchefs* in which we will study food hygiene and learn about different food types and how to store these foods safely. After half term we will also be applying our scientific knowledge in DT to use the basic principles of a healthy diet to prepare dishes and understand where food comes from. We will also be completing a project looking at how different parts move.

As part of our *Island Home* topic we will be learning all about the islands that make up the British Isles and also other islands around the world and how they differ from our lifestyle and culture. We will learn about the famous Victorian island-dweller, Grace Darling, and the event for which she is remembered for today. We will look at how seaside holidays have changed over time and make comparisons to seaside holidays today. The topic will also involve designing our own islands and creating our own maps.

In P.E the children will develop skills required in different games, including striking and fielding activities. Finally, the children will work on the key aspects of athletics: running, jumping and throwing.

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Spellings will also be set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday. Please use the yellow spelling books to practise the spellings, especially using the spellings in sentences. We are looking forward to our Summer term and all our exciting new topics! Thank you for all of your support and please contact us if you have any questions.

Year 2 Team

