



Year 2 Fireflies Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you had a good break. We would like to welcome Miss Reilly who will be teaching all day Monday and Tuesday and also Wednesday morning. Mrs Powers will continue to teach on Thursdays and Fridays and will also be teaching on Wednesday afternoons.

Phonics and Reading

Children will be reassessed in the coming weeks so may start to bring home more difficult books. Please try to find time to read with them at least 3 times a week. In class, we will be working on comprehension of texts focusing on key skills needed for reading.

Phonics

Please ensure children have their book bags in school every day so that we can easily check and change books.



Recommended reads: [Books for Year 2 children aged 6-7 | School Reading List](#)

Writing

This term our writing will be linked to two books. The first is about a tadpole who makes friends with a caterpillar and the second is about a lonely alien in need of some friends. We will be continuing to work on the basics such as full stops and capital letters and will also be trying to make our writing more interesting by using more adjectives and conjunctions.



Maths

This terms units will include fractions and time.

- Fractions: we will be recognising and finding halves, thirds and quarters. They will also learn to write simple fractions, for example $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Time: Children will be learning how to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. They will also know the number of minutes in an hour and number of hours in a day.



Science

The children will be learning about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They will also learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We hope to get out and about to investigate habitats around our school.





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Computing

In computing this term the children will use a programme called 2Paint A Picture to investigate a range of artists and try to replicate their style of art.



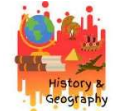
Art

This term in art we will develop our ability to work with clay. We will create, thumb pots, explore the work of sculptor Rachel Whiteread and then apply her ideas in a final piece that uses techniques such as cutting, shaping, joining and impressing into clay.



Geography

In geography this term we will identify the features and major characteristics of the UK before learning about some of the amazing places in the world.



PE

In PE this term we will have a coach coming in to teach us tennis skills. We will also be practising some athletics.



PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will explore the needs of humans and other living things as they grow, including how adults contribute to the working world. Children will also learn how humans can look after their world and reduce their carbon footprint.



RE

In RE the children will begin to explore the idea of celebration, by first considering what a celebration involves before going on to find out about the customs and rituals associated with the Hindu celebration of Raksha Bandhan.



Homework Project

We will be sending home some practise sheets to help the children prepare for the upcoming SATs assessments. We will also be sending home logins for Spelling Frame which is a website to support spelling.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities





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Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Reilly and Mrs Powers

Supported by: Mrs McMahon, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Mikolajczyk

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Monday 17th April – Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – School opens at 7.45am for Summer Term

Friday 28th April – Year 1 Cake Sale

1st May – 31st May – KS1 SATs

Monday 1st May – Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 8th May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May – KS2 SATs

Friday 12th May – School Discos

Wednesday 24th May – Y6 Residential Information Meeting

Thursday 25th May – Y6 Takeover Day

Thursday 25th May – School closes for Half Term

Friday 26th May – Training Day – school closed

Monday 5th June – School opens for Summer Term 2