



Dear parents and carers,

We're moving ahead at full speed into the Summer term. It seems hardly a few weeks ago that Year 2 was coming into our classroom for the first time. I'm glad to see Year 2 coming back in high spirits to achieve their best in their final Key Stage 1 term.

I hope this letter addresses any questions you may have, but if there is anything else that you would like to ask please do come and catch me at the end of the day.

Summer Curriculum

<u>English</u>	<p><u>Letter writing</u> - Creating formal and informal letters, from Year 2 and from fairy tale characters.</p> <p><u>Reports and recounts</u> – giving a factual retelling of a real event.</p>	
<u>Maths</u>	<p><u>Pattern and movement</u> – using mathematical language to describe patterns we see and make. We will be plotting routes for journeys and describing them in detail.</p>	
<u>R.E.</u>	<p><u>Easter</u>- sharing and learning about the stories of the Resurrection.</p> <p><u>Buddhism</u>- researching and discovering about an unfamiliar religion.</p> <p><u>Our Church</u>- thinking about our place within the wider Church community.</p>	
<u>Science</u>	<p><u>Living things and their habitats</u>- Year 2 are thinking in miniature for Science this term. We're looking at habitats we find in our local area and scaling down to look at minibeasts living in micro-habitats.</p>	
<u>Geography</u>	<p><u>Leaving on a jet plane</u> – discovering more about a foreign country, researching jobs, life and geographical features.</p>	
<u>Art</u>	 <p><u>Printing</u> – we are beginning by using familiar man-made materials to print with and create patterns. Through the term we are beginning to search for natural materials and discovering what patterns they can make.</p>	
<u>Design Technology</u>	<p><u>Food and packaging</u> – this term we will be exploring how food is kept fresh and packaged for travel. The end product for Year 2 will be to make a ration pack suitable to take on a journey</p>	
<u>P.E.</u>	<p><u>Wednesday</u> – Dance with Mrs Cooke</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> – Teeball with Mr Youson</p>	

Reading: As part of their developing language skills, it is vitally important that children are heard read and questioned on their books as much as possible. We do strive to listen to children in school according to their needs during the week but we do require support from parents listening to their children read regularly. We do see a marked difference in children who are heard read often across the curriculum. When children finish books, please remind them to bring books in to be placed in the Reading Record box to be swapped.

Spellings: Children will be given spellings each week on a Friday to bring in for the following Wednesday. By working their way through these spellings, children learn the spellings of words required for Year 2. Each week children can cover, write and check the words to learn them for a test on Friday.

Times tables: I've been very impressed with how Year 2 have improved with their times table knowledge. Weekly Challenges are set on Fridays to be brought back on Wednesday. If children do not complete these in this time, they will be asked to attend Homework Club to complete the challenge.

SATs: As Year 2 has come to the end of their time in KS1 it is time for them to sit their SATs exams. Children will sit their tests during the month of May and tests will cover Maths, Reading and Grammar and Punctuation. Children need to remember that the tests are for teachers to worry about and no matter how they perform on the day, I am already proud of each one of them.

Key dates

7th May	Bank Holiday
10th May	Ascension Mass
24th May	Year 2 Assembly: Buddhism
25th May	Teacher Training Day
28th May – 1st June	Half Term Holiday
24th July	Last day of Summer Term

Kind regards,

Mr Rolison and Mrs Swain