

Year 2 – Summer Newsletter



Friday 10th May

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I hope you had all had a lovely Easter break. It is great to see the children have come back fresh and ready for their final term in Key Stage One – I cannot believe how fast this year has gone already! This term always proves to be a busy one, beginning with the SATs that the children are currently sitting (and will be for the duration of May). I hope that this newsletter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term. As always though, if you have any unanswered questions or would like to speak to me about anything, feel free to grab me at the end of the day or alternatively, contact me via my email (lucy.frearson@allsoulsschool.co.uk).

Summer Term Curriculum

This term, our topic is '**Antarctica**'.

Literacy	Instruction writing and fairy tales. These writing focuses will go alongside our reading comprehension lessons and punctuation and grammar lessons.
Numeracy	Recapping and revising all Year 2 work to ensure readiness for Year 3.
RE	Easter and Pentecost
Science	Plants Adaptations of animals (in Antarctica)
History	Scott of the Antarctic and his expeditions
Geography	Contrasting locality: Antarctica (environment, weather, landscape, animals) and comparing to the UK Climate change and pollution (melting ice caps) Recap of naming and locating continents and oceans

Year 2 Expectations

Homework

The Year 2 times tables homework has recently changed and now includes division questions too; you should have received a letter about this already. We have now covered division in Maths and so the children should be able to have a go at such questions, using the inverse multiplication fact to help them (for example we know that $5 \times 10 = 50$ so $50 \div 10 = 5$). For now, until they master this, it is more important that they have a go at completing as much of the sheet as possible in their own time rather than just focusing on the four minute time limit. The homework is still due in on a Wednesday and children who fail to complete their homework will be asked to attend homework club during Wednesday lunchtime.

Your child will continue to receive spellings on Friday and they will be tested on the following Friday.

Please support and encourage your child with their homework: embedding crucial skills such as spelling and times tables will provide the building blocks for them to excel in the classroom.

Reading

In addition to their other homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis with an adult. Their reading record should be completed each time they read, detailing what was read and with whom. Please ensure that this reading record is brought into school **every day**. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as this is absolutely critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the reading scheme books provided by school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias and other books by their favourite authors. They may not be able to read these independently, but sharing different books with your child will nurture their love of reading and hugely benefit their academic development.

Please note that it is your child's responsibility to get their books changed. Once they have read both books, they should put them in the box in the classroom. They are changed by an adult that day and the new ones are placed in their draws for them. It is then their responsibility to bring them home.

Miscellaneous Messages

- Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school each day, labelled with their name.
- As we approach the warmer months, please ensure that any sun cream required is applied BEFORE SCHOOL.

Dates For The Diary

Whole of May – KS1 SATS (see additional information sent out in previous letters)

Thursday 16th May – Ladies Night/Fashion Show for parents

Thursday 23rd May – 'Shrek The Musical' trip (please consent and pay ASAP via SIMS AGORA)

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May –Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Teacher Training Day (school closed)

Tuesday 11th June – Y1/2 Class Mass

Wednesday 12th June – first transition afternoon to Year 3!

Friday 14th June – Father's Day Lunch

Friday 5th July – PROVISIONAL Sports Day

Friday 12th July – Reports to parents

Friday 19th July– Summer Holidays begin!

**Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage and the Y2 blog.*

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

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