

Class 2 Information 2018-2019

Summer 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

Timetable

Forest school will continue to take place on every Wednesday afternoon with Ms Bancroft. Please ensure that the children bring appropriate clothes for the weather (wellies, waterproof trousers/ waterproof coat, layers of clothes.) The children will NOT be allowed to take part in Forest School if they don't have the appropriate clothing. This is for the children's own safety.

P.E will take place every Monday as usual and our Friday session will now move to Thursday as we have booked a cricket coach to come in for the rest of this term. Please ensure PE kits are in school every day. There are an increasing number of children with no PE kit each week. Mrs Quinn is now keeping track of those who don't have the correct PE uniform.

Children will be doing handwriting, spellings, guided reading, English and Maths daily. We will be looking at shape, money and telling the time this half term, but continuing to revise calculation strategies. Please continue Timestables Rockstars at home to help your child learn their timestables.

We will be finishing off our science topic on Plants and moving on to Living Things and Habitats.

In ICT we will be learning how to stay safe on the internet.

RE will be taught 3 times a week. This term's topic is 'Eastertide'. We will learn all about the season after Easter including the stories of 'The Ascension' and 'Pentecost'.

Geography, art and history will be taught through our topic work which, this term is ***'All About Nantwich'***

Homework

The children will continue to get weekly spellings as homework and they will get a spelling test every Friday. If there are children who get 0 or 1 in their spelling test, I will be asking them to practice these at lunchtime. It is ESSENTIAL that the children learn these spellings each week. Well done to those children who continue to do well and practice hard for these tests each week!

'My Maths' homework has also been set for this half term so please keep logging onto the My Maths website. The 'My Maths' homework is extra and I don't expect this to be completed each week.

Y2 SATs

SAT's will be completed this half term but I will not be telling the children when we're doing these to keep their anxiety levels to a minimum. I want these tests to be as stress free as possible and for the children to continue enjoying our maths and English lessons as much as usual. We will complete the tests in dribs and drabs over the next 3/ 4 weeks so it unlikely that your child will even know they're doing them. Remember, their final Year 2 result is based on the level I know they're working at, NOT what they get in the tests. Please see our website for information regarding the Year 2 SAT's tests. Here is the link

<http://www.stannes.cheshire.sch.uk/class/year-2>

This term's topic

Our new Topic this term is 'All About Nantwich.' In art we will be learning how to develop our drawing skills; drawing still life and learning how to use lines to create dimension. We will also look at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and try to create art in his style.

In geography we will look at weather within the UK and how this changes with the seasons. We will also look at the local area, our school grounds and undertake lots of map work. We will take a trip around our local area to complete a local study. This trip out and about will take place sometime in the next couple of weeks. A text will be sent confirming which date. The local study will take about 45 mins to complete focusing on the streets and buildings around our school.

We will be taking a trip to Nantwich museum where we will learn all about our local area of Nantwich, the geography and the history of it. A letter will be sent home in the next few weeks confirming the date for this. Please ensure you sign and return the permission slip.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to teach 'Singapore Maths' to the children which is very much based on number. Please continue to help your child learn to tell the time, look at how to use a ruler and discuss different 2D and 3D shapes in the environment. Also please continue with Timestables Rockstars as this is a fantastic tool which really engages children in learning their timestables.

Other information

- Please try to keep attendance to 100% this term. I'm aware that sickness happens and this can't be helped. However, I would urge you, unless the children have a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, please send them into school. I cannot repeat lessons for those who missed it and it is very difficult to deliver SAT's to individuals who have been off school.
- If you haven't booked an appointment with me for parents' evening then please come and see me (or contact the office) and we can book in another date and time.

I look forward to a hardworking, fun-filled half term! If you need to see me for any reason then don't hesitate to come and have a chat with me after school, if I'm available, or give school a ring and we can arrange a meeting.

Mrs Ferguson