

**Year 2**

**Summer Term 2019**

Welcome back; hopefully you all had a wonderful Easter break and a chance to enjoy the sunshine. The children have made an amazing start to the Summer Term and have been trying really hard in all lessons. I will continue to work with Chestnut Class this term with the support of Mrs Hazelden and Mrs Cook. Ms Windeatt will continue to support teach the children on Monday.

Topic

This term our topic is split into two parts. First half term it is ‘Pirates’ where we will be learning about some famous pirates and smugglers from the past and completing some work on maps. This will also link back to our past work on boats. This topic will end with a pirates dressing up day (13/6/19) and a special visitor. More details will follow.

After half term, our topic will be ‘Home and Away’. We will learn more about Bognor and a faraway place, Africa. We will make comparisons, develop map skills and think about the animals and environment.

English

Our English work this half term is fact pages and instructions. We will be using a wide range of non-fiction texts to guide us. Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our grammar, spelling and phonics in order to prepare for the end of Year 2 SATS. We will also continue our hard work on handwriting which will be supported by daily activities.

Daily reading will also be vital for the children to reach the expected standards at the end of the year. It is therefore crucial that all children have their reading books in their book bags every day. This will be supported by regular group and whole class reading sessions where we will be focusing on the different reading skills the children need to develop.



Maths

We are continuing to use the Numicon approach where we link the concrete, pictorial and abstract to ensure they understand the concepts we are learning. We are revising multiplication and division and will be completing more fractions activities. We will continue to look at SATS styled questions.

SATS

As explained in the previous newsletter, in Year 2 the children have to take the ‘End of Key Stage SATS’ which will support the teacher assessment we will be completing throughout the year. The children will be assessed against the ‘Teacher Assessment Framework’ for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. The children have already been practising so the SATs are not too daunting. They will compete them during May.

Homework

We will continue to send home reading, spelling and maths homework each week. The children who do not have their homework book in school on the Friday with the work completed to a satisfactory level will have to miss some or all of their Golden Time to do it.

How can you help?

* **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, asking and answering questions about what you have read.
* Ensure they have their school **reading book in school every day** as the children will be expected to read it after lunch, a time where those who are on Accelerated Reader can complete their quizzes.
* Encourage them to complete their homework tasks while letting them develop their independence.
* Check our class page on the website to discuss their learning further.
* The children need to be at school promptly in the morning as they complete their Learn It’s and handwriting before phonics at 9.05.

Important dates:

9/5/19 – Class Photos

24/5/19 – Film night

13/6/19 – Chestnut Class Assembly

13/6/19 – Pirate Day – dress up if you want to.

14/6/19 – Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fair Items.

21/6/19 – Summer Fair 3.30pm

28/6/19 – Sports day

11/7/19 – Sharing of Work (am and pm)

12/7/19 – Reports sent out and new classes.

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Any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Stone and the Year 2 Team