

Year 2 Class Newsletter

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Back To
School!

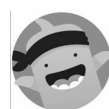
Welcome Back!
It is so lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Easter break

If you have any other questions, I can be contacted by:

- Class Dojo—after school up until 4.30pm
- Telephone—please call school to arrange a telephone conversation (0121 464 6921)

Mrs Bird

SATs
Year 2 will complete their SATs papers this term. Between now and then, we are having a huge push on test technique, fluency and basic skills. You can support from home by: practicing past papers, asking questions/discussing vocabulary from the texts you read at home and practicing arithmetic. Please note that you do not have to limit your child to the texts we send home from school. If they have something else they would like to read, please encourage them to do so! If you would like any resources to support your child at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Please follow us on **Class Dojo** to see what we're getting up to this half term.

Lots of messages go out via Class dojo so please keep up to date with this.



PE

Year 2's PE Days will be on **Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child is in full PE kit on this day with a school cardigan or jumper to wear during the day.

Summer Uniform

As we enter the summer term, please make note of appropriate summer school uniform on our school website. A gentle reminder that tram lines are not allowed and sensible school shoes must be worn (no boots or trainers).

Thank you.

BOA ACADEMY

On **Monday 20th April** the children will be taking part in a Musical Theatre Workshop, where they will explore singing, dancing and acting in a fun and high energy session. Working with students from BOA Academy, the children will learn a lively routine inspired by a well known musical number.

The Children should wear their PE kit on this day.

Homework and Reading Diaries

A short piece of homework will be sent home on a Friday. This will be either English or Maths previous SAT's questions. Homework becomes due on the following Wednesday.

Please continue reading with your child every evening to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. Reading books are required in school everyday.

Year 2 Summer One Curriculum

English

We are beginning the half-term by planning and writing a recount based on the book *My Name is not Refugee*, with a particular focus on apostrophes for possession and sentence demarcation. We will then move on to the text *Clean Up!* by Nathan Bryon, a thought provoking story that encourages children to care for their environment. The children will write letters to persuade others to help look after the planet with a focus on the SPAG features apostrophes for

Maths

We will be focusing on **multiplication and division**. The children will learn how to make equal groups, share amounts fairly and recognise multiplication and division as the inverse of each other. They will use practical resources such as counters, arrays and number lines to build a secure understanding, before moving on to writing number sentences and solving simple word problems.



Science

Our topic is 'Materials and Matter'. After recapping on different materials and their properties, we will learn about George de Mestral, the inventor of Velcro. We will also use microscope to explore different objects, and explain what makes them so useful for investigations.

Geography

We are learning about the five countries that make Northern Europe this half-term. This includes; the climate, animals that live there, as well as human and physical features. We will be using maps and 'atlas' to identify the different countries and capital cities!

Computing

We will be learning about programming through creating our own quizzes. The children will develop their understanding of simple programs by designing questions, choosing answers and organising sequences of instructions. They will also learn how to test their quizzes, spot mistakes and make improvements, helping them to develop important problem solving and logical thinking skills.

Art/DT

We will be creating our own historic paintings of famous myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur. Each week we will explore the famous Greek myth in more detail, focusing on a particular scene from the story. In our first lesson, we will draw the scene of Theseus navigating himself around the maze.

Music

This half term in Music, the children will be exploring rhythm, pitch and early notation. They will learn key musical terms such as echo, crescendo and decrescendo, practise counting syllables to help understand how sounds fit into beats. We will be learning to recognise, draw and play crotchets, quavers and rests, as well as reading and performing the notes B, A and G on the recorder. The children will also begin composing simple three beat rhythm patterns, try a little improvisation and develop their auditory memory while learning the song *Mary, Mary Quite Contrary*.

PE

In PE we are focusing on our athletic skills, including running, jumping, hitting and throwing.

PRE

Our PRE lessons will be teaching the children about living in the wider community and making good choices. The children will explore topics such as where money comes from, how to look after it responsibly, and the difference between wants and needs. Through discussion, stories and reflection, they will also think about how we care for ourselves and others, recognising change in the world around us and understanding that everyone is valued and loved.

Year 2 Spellings Summer One

We learn our spellings each morning and finish with a spelling test on a Friday.

Week 1 Challenge Words	Week 2 Words where the digraph 'ey' makes an /ee/sound	Week 3 Words where 'a' makes an /o/ sound
last past father class grass pass plant path bath rather	key donkey monkey chimney valley trolley journey turkey jockey kidney	want watch wander wand quality quad wasps squat quantity squash
Week 4 Words where 'or' and 'ar' make an / er/ or /or/ sound	Week 5 Words where 'si' and 's' make an /zh/ sound	Week 6 Words ending in '-ment' and '-ness'
word work worm world worth warm war towards warn warned	television treasure usual measure pleasure decision vision leisure version visual	payment enjoyment agreement achievement adjustment darkness rudeness sadness greatness kindness