



Summer Curriculum Newsletter – Year 2



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! The children worked incredibly hard during Spring Term, and we are looking forward to an exciting final term of learning in Year 2!

The children will continue to be supported by Mrs Dandy in 2H and Mrs Ullah in 2F. 2H will be taught by Mrs Danby on Friday afternoons and 2F will be taught by Mrs Dagleish on Thursday mornings. Please speak to any of our Year 2 team if you have any queries.

Please remember that the children will need to bring PE kit / leave PE kits in school to change into. May we also ask that these items are clearly labelled. As the weather warms, children will still need to bring a coat every day as it is still changeable and wear all day suncream for days when the VU is high.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Flvnn and Miss Harrower 😊

Homework

Reading: Year 2 children are expected to read to an adult for 20 minutes each night. Books will continue to be changed on your classes' respective days. Please ensure that you have written in your child's reading record weekly, so we know how they have read at home.

Spellings: Children will be given a set of spellings each Monday, which will be posted on Seesaw for them to practice and test at home. These spellings/phonetic focus will be taught throughout the week in various ways so that the children are familiar with them.

Important Days

Monday – PE Kit / return reading books and take home new books / spelling test and new spellings uploaded onto Seesaw.

Important Dates:

- 4th May – May Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 7th May – Year 2 Skipping Workshop – In School
- 18th -22nd May – Walk to School Week
- 19th May – Mindmate Coffee morning for parents
- 21st May – Harmony and Diverisi'tea'
- 22nd May – School Closes for holiday
- 1st June – School Re-opens for Summer 2
- 3rd June – Send Coffee Morning
- 4th June – Book Look at 3.00pm
- 5th June – Class Photos
- 15th-19th June – Health and Wellbeing Week
- 17th June - Year 2 skipping festival (30 children)
- 17th Whole School Aerobic Assembly – Parents Welcome – 9am
- 22nd June – Sports Afternoon – weather permitting
- 23rd June – Mambo Jambo Music Workshop
- 24th June – 9.00 Class Assembly- 2H
- 26th June – Teddy Bears Picnic
- 27th June – Summer Fair
- 30th June – Meeting Class New Teachers
- 2nd July – Moving up morning
- 6th and 9th July – Guitar Performance – 2.30pm
- 9th July – Moving Up Morning
- 20th -21st July – Training Day – School closed

ENGLISH

In English, we are going to be creating a written TV report. We will also be using the learning in our history as a focus for our writing. The children will also be writing a recount based on a fictional character from medieval times.

SCIENCE

In science, we will be learning about plants by investigating seeds and bulbs and recording plants growth under different conditions. The children will also learn about animals, including humans and their life cycles.

ART / DT

This term in art, we will be learning all about printing. We will learn about the print artist Angela Harding, how printing is created and make our own printed artwork. In design technology, we will be creating a working castle drawbridge by exploring winding mechanisms in real-life contexts.

MUSIC

In music, we are composing and creating four notes. We will be using instruments such as the glockenspiel and boomwhackers.

COMPUTING

This half term we are learning how different websites are more suitable for children and why. We will also be learning about how data and information can be presented using software. The children will collect data in various ways and then record it on screen, using block graphs and pictograms.

MATHS

This half term, the children will continue to learn about money and giving change. They will also be exploring length, mass, capacity, height, and temperature; recording units of measure accurately. We will also be learning about statistics and position and direction, whilst recapping number and place value concepts.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

In Geography, we will be recapping our knowledge of the UK through various tasks. We will talk about what we now know.

Our history topic this term is all about The 1066 Battle of Hastings. We will explore the events that led up to the great battle, the people who were involved, and how these events changed Britain.

RE/PSHE

This term in RE, we learn about how different religions welcome and name a new baby. We will also learn about religious symbols and places of worship. In PSHE, we will explore what makes a good friend, maintaining friendships and exploring healthy bodies and minds.

PE

This term, we are learning to roll, throw and catch a tennis ball with increased control, including bouncing. We will also be learning athletic sports, preparing for Sports' Day, and developing our skipping skills. Some children will be selected to represent Highfield in a Skipping Festival in June (more to follow).

PHONICS

This term the children will be learning about plurals, silent letters, 'soft' letters, and word endings. We will also recap some of our suffixes learned in the spring term.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Reading with your child on a regular basis and asking them questions about what they have read.
- Helping your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables regularly.
- Recap on the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division methods taught in school.
- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle every day.
- Making sure all clothing and items belonging to your child are clearly labelled.

Please see the school website should you require further information about the Year 2 curriculum.

Don't be late through the gate!

School starts at 8.55am. Getting your child to school on time really matters. Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class.

Being regularly late adds up to a loss of learning time.

5 mins late everyday = over 3 days of learning lost every year

10 mins late everyday = over 7 days of learning lost every year

15 mins late everyday = over 2 weeks of learning lost every year

20 mins late everyday = nearly 3 weeks of learning lost every year

30 mins late everyday = over 4 weeks of learning lost every year



Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs Bowker, Mr Brassil, Mrs Dalglish or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dalglish is the school SENDCo and can help you with any SEND questions or concerns.

Please contact admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk should you wish to speak to us.