

Welcome back Class 2

What a brilliant spring term we had! I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are ready for another fantastic term of fun filled learning! We welcomed back so many excited and motivated children to school and looking very smart too in the correct school uniform.

How tall can a plant really grow?



This half term we will be starting a new theme of 'Ready! Steady! Grow!' with our research question being "how tall can a plant really grow?". We will be looking closely at plants and how they grow. We will use this knowledge of plants to take care of and grow our own bean plants.

Maths This half-term we will continue to look at time and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In the approach to the end of KS1 SATs we will continue to revise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to help support us in our arithmetic paper. Throughout this term we will also continue to apply our reasoning and problem solving skills to everyday problems in mathematics.



English We will begin this half term by reading "Jack and the Beanstalk". This will link to our writing where we will work on producing our own stories linking to the book. We will also read "Jim and the Beanstalk" as an alternative version to the original story. To support our reading for pleasure and development of vocabulary we will also be enjoying the story "The Boy Who Grew Dragons".

Science In science this half term we will be looking closely at plants. We will be describing the function of different parts of a flower and how they support the healthy growth of the plant. We will also be growing and caring for our own bean plants whilst taking part in a comparative test on the needs of plants for survival.

Punctuality The doors into school are open for children from 8:45am. The registers close at 8:55 so if your child arrives after this time they will receive a late mark. It really helps your child and the rest of the class to start the school day well if they arrive at this time. Please be punctual.



P.E. Year two will now be having their PE lessons on a **Friday afternoon**. Please make sure children have the right PE kit in school. All earrings will need to be removed before a PE lesson due to health and safety. It is ideal for the children to keep their kit in school all half term then they will definitely have it when they need it. At half term we will send all PE kits home so they can be washed.



Reading Books Please listen to your children read as regularly as you can, ideally every day. As a rule, it would be great if children could read at least one book every week. Children who read confidently tend to be those that do best in other school work too. It is really helpful for us if family write in the reading diary to show when children need to change their book. Please help your child to be in the routine of bringing their book bag into school every day.



Phonics and Spellings Year 2 will be continuing to work on the spellings of the year 1 and 2 common exception words. These will be handed out at the beginning of term. To help your child embed these spellings it would be great if you could encourage them to use the spellings in their independent writing and recap them whilst reading at home.

SATs This half term year 2 will be completing their end of KS1 SATs to support teacher assessment in maths and reading. This is kept very low key, is part of normal classroom activities and we try to avoid the word test. Please support your child during this time by making sure they get a good night sleep and breakfast in the morning. If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Homework A homework pack with links to our theme will be issued each half term for children to complete during the half term. Homework show and tell will be on a Friday afternoon where children can achieve 5 dojo points for their home learning!



In addition to this year 2 will also continue to receive weekly homework to be completed throughout the week. This will either be a reading or maths activity. It would be great if you could support your child with this and encourage them to be confident and independent learners.

Please don't hesitate to speak to me after school if you have any questions or queries and I will do my very best to help. Thank you for your support.

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Dates for your diary

May bank holiday - Monday 6th May

Finish for Half Term - Friday 24th May

Return from Half Term - Monday 3rd June