

Dates for your diary

- May Day Closure
6.5.19
- School closes for Half Term
23.5.19
- INSET Day
3.6.19
- The Year 2 SATs 'quizzes' will be given during the month of May 2019.

Please feel free to drop me an e-mail if you have any questions or wish to book an appointment to see me after school.

k.smith@euxton.lancs.sch.uk

With best wishes,
The Year 2 Team

Year 2

Our topic is

Extreme Survival



Summer Term 1 2019

Class News

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

This half-term, homework will continue to focus on reading and spelling (please see the Summer Term 1 Spelling Programme sheet). The spelling quiz for the Week 1 spellings will be given on 29.4.19.

A Times Tables / related Division Facts quiz will continue to be given each Monday. We will revise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Please note that the **Homework Helper** link on the School Website shows the Maths methods employed in each year group. The Maths Methods Sheet sent home at the end of the last half term should also serve to aid the children with their homework.

English (Grammar / Reading Comprehension) and Maths homework will continue to be sent home on alternate weeks on a Wednesday, to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Thank you for your continued help and support.

Children will be given the opportunity to change their reading books on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

Mrs. Dugdale (Associate Teacher) will continue to teach the children this term.

Extreme Survival

Our topic this half term is Extreme Survival. We will be focusing on human and animal survival in extreme conditions. This topic will involve learning about the history of the Scouting Movement, focusing on Lord Baden- Powell, as well as giving the children the opportunity to write a letter to Bear Grylls. The children will compare and contrast past and present expeditions, researching the expeditions of Ernest Shackleton, as well as a present day expedition (Teachers in the Freezer). The children will make comparisons about clothing, transport, equipment, crew and training. The children are more than welcome to bring in any books from home relating to this topic.

English

This half term, the children will be looking at stories with a familiar setting, as well as looking at information texts. For this we will be reading Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and exploring his use of alliteration and descriptive writing. We will continue to focus on writing sentences with conjunctions (such as **and, but, or, so, when** and **because**) and homophones/near-homophones will be introduced. We will also focus on information texts which relate to our topic of Extreme survival, researching arctic foxes and being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways. We will continue to focus on grammar and comprehension throughout our English sessions.

Please see the **Writing Mats** in your child's Homework Bag (sent home last half term). These can be used as a point of reference for homework activities or for any additional work completed at home.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will continue to practise using the various methods required to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will also focus on multiplication (as repeated addition and arrays) and division (sharing and grouping). We will be learning about Number and Place Value (in the context of Statistics), Measurement, Fractions, Position, Direction and Time, as well as revisiting Geometry (2D and 3D shape).

Science

In Science this half term, we will be investigating 'Plants'. The children will be planting their own sunflower seeds and monitoring their progress within different environments. This is to establish what plants need to grow and thrive. The children will use this practical experiment to understand the life cycle of a plant from bulb or seed to flower. We will also be going on a nature walk around school to observe plants in the local area and try to identify them. At the end of the term each child will bring home a sunflower that they can continue to care for.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be studying why the Church is a special place for Christians. We will also be looking at the places of worship for people of other faiths.

P.E.

Our focus in P.E. will be on Gymnastics. The children will be given the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, as well as a range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination. Please note that P.E. will be on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Music

Using the Music Express Scheme, we will continue to focus on use of voice, playing instruments, listening to live and recorded music, as well as experimenting, creating, selecting and combining sounds.

Computing

The focus will be on how to write, follow and debug algorithms. This will be done through the use of beebots and j2coding.