

# Year 2's Newsletter : Summer 1 2019

Welcome back to Year 2.

I hope you have all had a well deserved rest over the Easter Holiday and are ready and raring for the next half term! This half term we will be completing our end of Key Stage 1 SATs, I have every confidence that our Year 2 will achieve the results they have been working so hard for. I must use this opportunity to stress how important it is for your child to be in school every single day and on time so that no amount learning is lost! Our topic for the next 4 weeks is "The Scented Garden". A perfect topic for the start of summer! During this final term, Mr Groves will be joining the Year 2 team and I know he is just as excited as we are!

Tiptoe through the tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting blubs and seeds, then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers. Explore the astounding world of the scented garden, but be careful there are some wild and dangerous plants out there that do some astonishing things!

In Art and Design, we will be learning about observational drawings, sculpture and flower pressing. We will be creating some observational drawings of our own and using flowers in inspirational ways to make art.

In Geography, we will be learning about plants in the UK and how they are different to plants around the world. We will also be learning about the Brazilian rainforests.

In History, we will be learning how plants have been used in medicines to heal people.

In science, we will be learning about how plants need water, light and suitable temperatures to grow and stay healthy.

## Dates for your diary

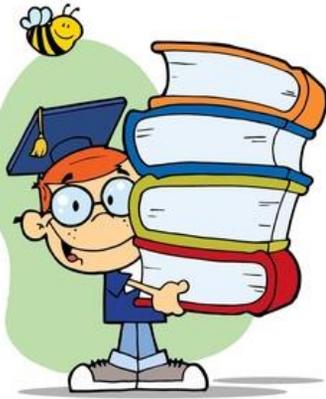
Summer 1  
KS1 SATs week- Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer 2  
Trip to Warwick Castle- 13<sup>th</sup> June



## P.E

We encourage all children to bring their full P.E kit into school on Monday and take it home on Friday. Our dedicated P.E slot is Monday, however children may be expected to do P.E at any point in the week.





## Literacy

In literacy this half term we will be concentrating on refining our comprehension skills ready for our Key Stage one reading SATs paper. We will be working on being able to read a text and use the text to find specific answers to questions. We will also be learning how to retell stories and we will be writing our own version of a story using our imagination.

Other genres of writing we will be revising will include, character descriptions, character profiles, non chronological reports and instructional writing.

## Numeracy

In numeracy this half term there will be a strong focus on practise SATs questions, drawing on what we have learnt throughout the year and revising different methods to help us solve a range of questions that are set out in exam style. There will also be a focus on mental maths strategies and our 2, 5, 3 and 10 times tables will play a huge part in this. It is important that children are practising these at home on a daily basis.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is on the school playground by 8.50am ready to start their learning. It is extremely important leading up to SATs that your child is in school every day!

## Homework

In Year 2, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 15-20 minutes per night). We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books are sent home from school & your child has the opportunity to take a free choice book out from our new school library.

Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. Thanks.

Individual spellings are also sent home. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences that are neatly presented and punctuated correctly.

Year 2 will also receive their Topic Homework Challenges along with this letter. It has been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks.

We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is due back in school by Wednesday at 9am. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.