

Year 2 Newsletter : Summer 1 2022

Welcome to the Summer term!

We can't believe the Summer term is here already, we have had such a wonderful year so far and look forward to our final term together. As a class, we have made some great progress over the months and look forward to this continuing as we start a new term. Year 2 SATs will be taking place in the week beginning 16th May, therefore it is really important that children attend school every single day. If you have any questions about SATs, please speak to one of the Year 2 team for advice and ways in which you can support your child at home.

It is also expected that every child completes their thematic homework challenge. We have had some amazing projects previously and would love to see more children engaging in this activity.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns that you have, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Year 2 team.

Thank you, Miss Moyse, Miss Hodson, Mrs Parkin and Miss Jones.

Thematic Learning

Our Summer 1 topic is 'What are the British Isles?' We will begin this topic by identifying the four countries of the UK and their capital cities. We will explore the iconic settings, national flowers, patron saints and stories from each of these countries. Children will also be using compass direction to locate places and seas on a map. Children will be carrying out research based on the different UK countries. They will be reading stories and legends about the Loch Ness Monster and the Giant's Causeway.

We will learn about the monarchy and the role of the Prime Minister. This will link to our British Values including an understanding of democracy.

Children will be looking at the artwork of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and recreating their own pieces based on his design. As part of D&T, children will also be cooking a classic British recipe.

In Science, we will be learning about plants and how they grow. We will be carrying out different experiments to explore how various conditions can impact growth.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Week beginning 16th May - KS1 SATs

Week beginning 23rd May - Jubilee Week

Friday 27th May - INSET day

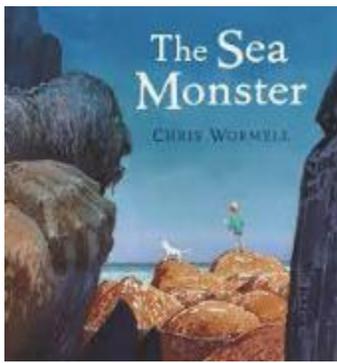
Monday 6th June - Children return to school



P.E

Please remember that it is school policy that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E. Jewellery is not allowed, so please ensure earrings are removed before the lesson on Wednesdays.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.



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 with good understanding to find specific answers to questions. We will also be learning how to retell stories in 1st person and we will be writing our own version of a familiar story. Other genres of writing we will be revising will include, character descriptions, diary entries and letter writing.

Numeracy

In mathematics, we will be continue to secure and consolidate our learning of the four operations using both mental and written methods. For addition and subtraction children will be using partitioning to secure their mental methods. Children will also be using number lines to solve addition and subtraction questions. In multiplication, children will be using arrays to solve questions. As always, we will be having a big focus on times tables and recall. Children will be having weekly practise in school and we encourage the use of TT rock stars at home to support this learning. For division, children will be drawing on their times tables to solve division questions as well as using jottings. We will also be learning to count in fractions during this half term. Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning about money and finding different ways to make the same amount. We will also be learning to tell the time to five minute intervals and applying our learning in every day situations.

Attendance and Punctuality

As always, the continued message is that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. In the lead up to SATs, it is really important that children attend school every single day. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school on time. We would appreciate your support in ensuring every child is able to attend school every day as we continue to build their confidence and develop their learning.

Homework

At County Bridge, we aim to promote a love of reading and encourage children to explore a wide range of stories, poetry and non-fiction texts. Within school we offer a lot of opportunities for your child to read with an adult or independently and we would love to see this carry on at home. We ask that your child reads for 10-15 minutes each night. Reading books will be sent home each week and children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from the library. Each child has a reading journal that we ask you to complete **once a week** when you have read with your child. This helps to keep an open communication between parents and the school. We also love to find out what your child has been reading at home!

Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday for your child to practise using Look, Cover, Write and Check. Your child is expected to learn these spellings by the following week and should practise writing the words in context through varied sentences.

Your child will also receive a thematic homework challenge this week as part of our new theme 'What are the British Isles?'. It is expected that **every child** completes this piece of work which can be handed in at any point during this half term. This task is an opportunity to work with your child and discuss their learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing where their creativity takes them!

Homework will be set on Friday using Purple Mash. It is expected that your child completes their homework by Wednesday morning, allowing children the opportunity to speak to teachers on Monday or Tuesday if they do not understand. We also ask that children go on Times Table Rock stars as much as possible to improve fluency and recall, with the expectation being they go on at least once a week. If you have any issues using this online tool, please speak to us.