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Summer Term 2019



Welcome Back!

We trust that you all enjoyed a restful Easter with your family and friends. It is good to see all the children back at school and raring to go - we are looking forward to a fun packed term ahead.

Dates for the Diary:

23rd April:	Whole School Mass -9:00am
Month of May:	Year 2 SATs
Week of June 10th:	Year 1 Phonics Screening
27th - 31st May:	Half Term
28th June:	Summer Fair Friday
19th July	Last day of term

Things to remember...

- Children are welcome to come into school from **8:30am** for a prompt 8:50am start. We provide focused early morning tasks for the children so please arrive as early as possible in order that your child is able to take full advantage of this valuable learning time.
- We have PE throughout the week so please ensure that your **full kit is in school every day**.
- Reading folders must be in school **every day**. We will check them every morning for any letters or reply slips being returned. Letters for you will be put in here so please check it every evening for any communications.
- Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can and make a comment in their reading diary. Children have the opportunity to change their book every day. Many children like to keep their book and read it a few times over. We encourage this practice as it moves children from reading for decoding, through reading with expression and for meaning.

Mrs Coyte will continue to track the children's reading journey and reward each child with a small prize and certificate each time they reach 10 reads. Some children have reached 60 reads already this year - well done! Please support your child by providing some quiet time to read every day and record their achievements in the reading log.

- We are outside in all weathers so please provide your child with a **waterproof coat** every day.



Spring Term Learning Summer 1 - China



Mathematics

We will begin in the first 2 weeks looking at efficient methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division where we will be consolidating the methods we know and discussing when they are best used. Following that we will be focusing on problem solving where we will carefully consider which operation we should use and select the appropriate method.

English

The children will continue with their Read Write Inc. sessions. If you have questions about this please let us know. In class we will develop our reading and writing skills through units based on a book called 'The Ugly Dumpling', a story which we will compare to the traditional tale, 'The Ugly Duckling'.

Topic, Computing and DT

In topic we will be developing our geography skills through a study unit on China! We will find out where it is, what it is like there and how the culture differs to our own here in Plymouth. If there is anyone who has been there and would like to share some of their experiences with the class, please do get in touch and we can arrange for you to come in! We will be cooking chinese food which we are really looking forwards to.

Science, Art and DT - Scientists and Inventors

In this unit on scientists and inventors we will look at four inventions from China: gunpowder, the compass, paper and block printing. We will take a close look at how paper and have a go at block printing for ourselves!

RE

Our RE unit this term is Easter. During this unit, the children will discuss and further respond to the story of the resurrection and what impact the resurrection had on the lives of ordinary people who witnessed it. The children will explore the events of the first Easter Sunday and find out what we remember during the Easter season.

PE

In PE this term the children will be continuing with a unit on Hockey. Having built up skills controlling the hockey stick and ball last term, the children will begin to use these in a small game play and consider and employ attacking and defending tactics.



Spring Term Learning Summer 2 - Castles



Mathematics

In the summer term we will start with a unit on 'position and direction' concentrating on using language to describe position, direction and movement in a straight line and distinguish between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. We will end the term with consolidation of year 1 and 2 objectives so that children are ready for their transfer into year 3.

English

Daily Read Write Inc. sessions will continue. As well as this, back in class, we will develop our reading and writing skills through an information text about castles.

Topic, DT and Art

In our history topic about 'Castles' we will look at Medieval castles - Learn about the features of motte and bailey castles. We will learn about the main parts of a castle, who might live there and find out how castles were defended. We will make defense mechanisms in DT and design our own coat of arms and make a 3D model of a castle in art.

Science and Computing

In this unit children have the opportunity to grow plants and take measurements. We will set up a comparative experiment to observe what plants need to grow well, and watch the germination process first hand. We will make videos about what we find out!

RE

Our RE unit this half term is Pentecost and Mission. This unit invites pupils to deepen their knowledge of the Pentecost story and consider the symbolism of the story. The nature of the promise made by Jesus is a key focus and an understanding of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church is developed. Links are also made between Confirmation and Pentecost. At the end of this half term we will also have a Multi Faith Week where we will focus on the stories of Hinduism.

PE

We will be developing our running, jumping and throwing skills in athletics.



Home Learning

Reading:

Please support your child by listening to them read every day and record in your child's home-school record book. Don't forget to read to your child too!

Spelling:

Children will receive spellings at the beginning of the week. Please learn one spelling each night to help embed their understanding.

Maths

A maths sheet will continue to come home each week.

Year 2 SATs

Year 2 will be sitting their SATs. I'm sure you will agree, the children are working really hard and are making great progress. If you have any questions about the tests, please do get in touch. We will continue to send home supporting tasks so that you can support their learning at home too.

Dojos

Our class Dojo site is working well. Children are very motivated by the reward system and feedback reveals that parents are interested in checking in on how their child is getting on. Don't forget that we also add pictures to the class story and you can message us this way too if it suits you.

And finally...

As always, please contact us if you have any worries, questions or wish to share something new with us! Our door is always open.

Many thanks,
Mrs King and Mrs Coyte