



Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome to Summer Term in Year 2! This term, our values are **Dignity** and **Joy**. In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about these values and creating work which reflects what these values mean to us. These will all be displayed in our class values book.

English

Please read regularly at home. This is vitally important for the development of children's reading and writing skills. Please question them about what they have read. Try to include inference questions which require your child to look beyond the text and give information that was not specifically provided. For example, "What do you think happened next?" "Why do you think he did that?" "How do you think the pirate felt when he was left behind?" We appreciate your help in looking after the children's reading records and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in their book bag at all times.

Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We are starting the term with 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. Our lessons will always have a grammar focus because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

After half term our English work will be based upon the book 'Rosie Revere Engineer' by Andrea Beaty.

Maths

Time: telling the time to o'clock and half past, quarter past and quarter to and to 5 minutes

Mass and Capacity: to compare mass, measure in grams and kilograms, measure in millilitres and litres and to use the four operations with mass, volume and capacity.

Statistics: tally charts, tables and pictograms.

In addition, we will be spending time revising the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working hard on mastering 2 step word problems.

PPA

On alternate Thursday mornings and afternoons I have my PPA. During this time Mrs Boyle will be covering the class and teaching English and Maths and Art & Design, Music and French.

Science, Computing and Design Technology

During the summer term our topic will be **Everyday Materials**. Children will learn to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard, for a particular use. Children will learn to sort items into categories depending on whether they are made from natural or man-made materials. They will also investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. In Design and Technology they will use their learning from science to design and build a bridge - this will also link to the English text 'Rosie Revere Engineer'. We will finish the unit by learning about recycling. Children will understand the process of recycling and know which items can be recycled and which can't. After half term we will be researching famous scientists. As part of their computing lessons children will learn how to create a PowerPoint on a scientist of their choosing.

Week commencing 15th May will be 'Biodiversity and Sustainability Week' when we will learn about these terms and the importance of looking after our planet.

P.E

On Friday afternoon the children will have P.E. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Please remember that earrings must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be removed before school if necessary.

Expressive Arts

This term art in Year 2 will be based around the artist Andy Warhol. We will be learning about his work and producing some work on his famous 'Pop Art'. Some of our art lessons will also be linked to our World War 2 history topic as the children will create a spitfire picture in the style of Warhol's famous Marilyn Monroe picture. In Music our focus songs this half term are Zootime and the Friendship Song.

R.E

During the first R.E unit of the summer term we will be asking why Christians make and keep promises in front of God. In this unit children will explore the idea and meaning of belonging, learn about infant Baptism and Christian Weddings, and how promises are made to God and each other, and what marriage means for Christians.

During the second half of the summer term we will learn about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim. During this topic the children will learn the importance of the prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an. We will look at Islamic practices and the significance of the mosque. Finally, we will explore similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity.

Dates for your diary!

Bank holiday for King's Coronation - Monday 8th May
Mufti Day for bottles for the Summer Garden Party - Friday 26th May
INSET Day - Monday 5th June
INSET Day - Tuesday 6th June
PTFA Wear trainers for sweets for the Summer Garden Party - Friday 16th June
Year 2 Class Collective Worship - Wednesday 21st June

Year 2 SATS will take place between the 15th and 22nd May.

Wellbeing

As part of our wellbeing this term Year 2 will continue to look after Trinity Gardens. The children will care for the plants already growing as well as grow new plants from seeds. Also we will be writing a manual on how to look after Trinity Gardens.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website.
nutfieldprimary.co.uk/school-uniform.

Geography and History

In Geography, after May half term, our topic will be 'Which Way Shall I Go?' In this topic we will be learning how to use an atlas and to look for different countries within the continents we learnt about at the beginning of Year 2. We will also learn about maps and co-ordinates.

In History, we will be learning about World War 2. Our particular focus will be on the home front of the war. We will be learning about the suffering of the people of Great Britain, in particular focusing on rationing, gardening and emergency evacuations.

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to email the school office to arrange a time to speak to me. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to hear from you!

Mrs Cordey