

Year 2 Newsletter Summer 2024

Welcome back!

We can't believe that it is the Summer Term already.....although the weather isn't helping! This is the final term in Year 2 and we hope to continue learning lots whilst preparing for the transition into Year 3. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to as we approach the end of the year and we are looking forward to making some lovely memories with the children.

As always we hope to give you an idea of the learning that will take place, so that you are best placed to support your child at home too.



English

Some of the children have now stopped phonics lessons and have started to have English lessons – similar to the lessons they will have in Year 3. In these lessons there will be a high focus on written work and extending the children's ability to write with more independence. They will also be looking at different genres of writing, such as stories, instructions, poetry and reports.

Some children will continue to receive daily phonic lessons to ensure that they are fluent readers with a firm grasp of the phonic sounds.

Reading

Reading remains the most important thing that we can teach the children and our aim is to develop a love of reading that lasts a lifetime. Daily reading is still crucial to help your child to continue to progress. As your child becomes a more independent reader there can be a tendency to stop listening to them read aloud. Whilst there is a place for the children to read on their own, we would recommend still listening to them read to allow discussions around what is happening in the book and any new vocabulary that may arise.

Please record any reading in the child's diary. This does not need to be in the form of a comment - a tick or a signature is also great!



Spelling

Each week the children will bring home a spelling list that will be in their reading diary. This list will be issued on a Monday and the words will follow a spelling pattern. We will look at this spelling pattern in school and also give the children a chance to practice each day. They will have a spelling test on a Friday. Please also remember that in the back of the reading diaries there is a list of common exception words for year 1 and year 2. It would be useful for the children to practice reading and spelling these words also.

Maths

In maths lessons we continue to focus on the children being able to recall number facts quickly and easily. Please continue to focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the corresponding division facts. The children are getting really speedy at these, and this is helping them in other areas of the subject.

We will also look this term at fractions, telling the time, statistics and position.

We have found that telling the time can be quite hard and this is something that is best practised throughout the day when key things happen, such as bedtime or swimming lessons. In Year 2 the children are expected to tell the time to the hour, half hour, quarter to and quarter past.

Homework

On the last newsletter we asked for some feedback regarding the use of Century. We only received two responses and so we are going to continue to use this system until the end of the year. This is the system that is used for homework in Year 3 so will help to prepare the children for this too. I would expect children to be spending about half an hour a week on the programme, following their own individual pathway at the top of the screen. Log in details are stuck in the back of the children's diaries, but if you have any issues, please let me know. From speaking to many people at parents evening about this programme, it seems that a bit of perseverance is needed to allow the children to get used to it and then things seem to get a bit easier.

P.E

Children in Year 2 do PE on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. It makes more sense for them to come home in their kits and bring their uniform home in their PE bag. Their kit can then be washed and returned to school the following Monday. Lots of children forget their PE kit on a Monday morning, so please make sure these are packed in bags ready for the school week.



Water Bottles and other possessions.

Please make sure that the children have a water bottle in school each day. We try to discourage the children from bringing in toys and trinkets as they often get lost or broken. As the children are getting a bit older, we do not really do show and tell in Year 2. Book Club has proved really successful, and we have loved hearing the children talk about their favourite books. We intend to repeat the timetable from last half term, and I have attached a list of dates to this newsletter.

Other Subjects

Subject	Topic	Things you could do at home
Geography	On safari	Look at maps and atlases. Find different countries, continents and oceans.
History	Explorers	
Science	Animals Including Humans Plants	Grow plants and seeds in the garden – watch how they change as they get bigger.
RE (religious education)	Respect For Everyone	

RHE (relationships and health education)	Relationships Changing Me	.
DT (design and technology)	Balanced Diet	Discuss food groups and cook balanced meals together!
Music	Peter and The Wolf	Listen to music played by an orchestra and identify the different instruments being played.
Computing	Creating Media Data Handling	
Art	Clay Houses	

KS1 SATS and Transition

Some of you asked about KS1 SATS at parents evening. This year the government have decided that Year 2 children do not need to take the SAT tests as they have done previously. At Moorfield we have decided to use the assessment materials, (which have been sent as an optional resource) at the end of the year in July. This will help us to gain clear assessments of the children before they move to Year 3 and provide the Year 3 teachers with the information they need to start teaching in September.

We know that many children are starting to feel a bit nervous about moving to Year 3, but please be assured that this process is always handled sensitively and there are lots of things in place to help the children feel ready. Shuffle Up Day takes place on 2nd July and this is when the children will find out who their class teacher will be. There will also be an additional transition day for Year 2 where they will spend the afternoon in their new class groups. Staff also have time to talk to each other about the children and any key information is passed on before the summer break.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes

Mrs Hill and Mrs Freeman-Evans



Summer Term Book Club Rota

23 rd April	H S O VS FH
30 th April	SM ZH
7 th May	IW GB SLD
14 th May	OT TA
21 st May	TC EA RA
4 th June	SS JG
11 th June	AG CH LJ
18 th June	CS OH
25 th June	HH HS
9 th July	JS DMH OH
16 th July	FT LT
17 th July (please note date change due to the end of term)	EC JJ ES