



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Summer 1—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

- Please remember to bring in your reading book and diary every day so that we can change books, record reading and monitor your five reads!
- A polite reminder to ensure that you have correct PE kit for a Thursday, including black trainers.
- Please remember to bring your filled water bottle every day!

### Reading

Following on from learning about the cold climate of Antarctica, we are excited to be reading Robert Swindells' *Ice Palace*, set in the freezing landscape of Norway. We follow the story of Ivan who sets out on a quest to rescue his brother from the evil clutches of Starjik. This is a tale of bravery and perseverance, with a little help along the way. We learn that things are not always as they seem, and everyone has the ability to make good choices in the end!



### Writing

In writing, the children will learn to write a character description of the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. They will then learn to write a persuasive leaflet about Pirate Island. The children will first learn the model text with actions and images, then innovate the text as a class before finally innovating themselves.



### Key dates

- **Weds 17th April** - 1pm-3.30pm SEND Come & Ask (contact the office to book)
- **Fri 19th April** - PTA School Disco (KS1 4.45-5.45pm / KS2 6-7.15pm)
- **BANK HOLIDAY - Mon 6th May**
- **Weds 8th May** - 1pm-3.30pm SEND Come & Ask (contact the office to book)
- **Fri 24th May** - Learning exhibition straight after school in classrooms
- **MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - Mon 27th -Fri 31st May**
- **Weds 5th June** - Class Photos
- **Sat 8th June** - HaleFest!

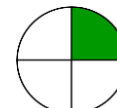
Term dates can be found on our website here:

<https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

### Maths

In maths, the children will begin by recapping part, part, wholes and equal and unequal groups. They will then learn how to recognise and find fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds.

Next, the children will learn to tell the time. They will recap o'clock and half past before moving on to telling the time to quarter past and quarter to the hour.



## Science

In science, the children will be learning about plants. They will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs change over time as they grow into mature plants. They will find out and describe what plants need to grow and stay healthy. Throughout the term, they will investigate the best conditions to grow a seed through fair testing.



## History

In History, the children will continue to build upon their understanding of chronology and past and present. They will study and consider how their own locality has changed since 1950s and think about how this impacts their own lives. This unit will allow them to begin to understand why people did things in a certain way in the past and why this has changed over time.



## DT

In DT, the children will be designing and making a pouch. They will be learning the basic skills of sewing, including how to sew the running stitch and how to add decorations. They will also be evaluating the effectiveness of their pouch.



## PE

In PE, the children will be learning to play cricket. This will begin with learning how to throw a ball underarm and how to strike a ball from a stationary position. They will then use these skills to begin to strike a moving ball. They will also make links to when you could use these cricket skills in other games such as rounders.



## Computing

In the summer term, the children will be exploring basic programming and predicting outcome of codes. They will begin the term with simple 'unplugged' instructions to follow. That will progress into ordering instructions, then understanding the relationship between instructions and algorithms. The children will end the term by writing instructional codes and algorithms using a technological device.



## PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be looking at what helps us to grow and stay healthy. They will look at what makes a healthy balanced diet and how it is important to eat a range of fresh fruit and vegetables. The children will also look at how exercise helps us to keep healthy and how what people need to keep their minds healthy too.



## Homework

- 1) Five reads a week - this will continue to be our number one priority and we will continue to reward those pupils who complete their five reads at home weekly.
- 2) Topic home learning will be sent home in green books.
- 3) You will be set a third piece of home learning such as practising multiplication times tables using TT Rockstars, phonics or a literacy task.

## Suggested books for reading

*Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman  
*The Twits* by Roald Dahl  
*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown  
*The Place for Me – Stories about the Windrush Generation* by Dame Floella Benjamin et al  
*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson  
*The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith