



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 1—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Key dates

20th April - Year 2 Caterpillar Workshop session 3

May Bank holiday - 4th May

20th May - Class photos

May Half Term - 25th-29th

Return to school 1st June

Reading

This term, the children will continue reading 'King Arthur' retold by Andrew Matthews. They are enjoying this classic tale of adventure and enchantment as Arthur's adventures unfold. Mystery and treachery lurk in unexpected places as Arthur, the young High King of Britain, and our children, learn that not everything in the story is as it seems... Who can be trusted and how will it all 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, then innovate the text as a class before finally innovating themselves. The children will learn how to use adverbs ending in -ly and practise adding commas to separate items in a list. They will also focus on using apostrophes for singular possession in their writing.

Maths

In the summer term, the children will continue their measurement work by exploring mass, capacity and temperature. They will then begin their fractions unit, learning about parts and wholes, equal and unequal parts, and recognising and finding halves, quarters and thirds. As they progress, they will also explore unit and non-unit fractions, simple equivalences and counting in fractions up to a whole.



Science

In science, the children will be learning all about plants. They will learn about the parts of a plant, what a plant needs to grow and the lifecycle of a plant. They will also conduct a fair test to understand the best conditions to grow a seed and how it changes over time.



History

In history this half term, the children will be looking at how the high street has changed over time. They will be thinking about how shopping has changed from 1950-today. They will also be learning to draw a simple sketch map of their

local high street showing changes over time.



Computing

In computing, the children will be using j2e pictogram software to purposefully create and organise data in a pictogram. The children will learn what an attribute is and how to collect data using attributes and present their data in other ways.



PE

In PE, the children will be learning athletics. They will learn how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing, and catching. They will also develop their balance, agility and coordination.



DT

In DT, the children will be learning about textiles and the skills needed to make pouches, such as how to thread a needle, sew a running stitch and to sew small evenly spaced stitches. They will be designing, creating templates, cutting and sewing fabric, decorating and then evaluating their finished pouches.



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 what people need to keep their minds healthy too.



Home Learning

- 5 reads a week
- 10 minutes of online multiplication times tables practise each week using Times Tables Rock Stars

Suggested books for reading

