



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 1

Welcome to Year 2.

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope that you have all had a lovely break and are coming back to school ready and raring to go. We are really looking forward to starting our new Geography and Science topic, and building on the maths and English skills from earlier in the year.

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you have anything that you wish to discuss.

Mrs Holt and Mrs Kerns ☺

Key Dates:

24th April—Eureka Trip

7th May—French Day

8th May—VE Day Celebrations

Week beginning 12th May—Mental Health Awareness

Week 16th May—Parent Coffee Morning

19th May—Parent Book Share

Please keep an eye on our class web page for updates, photos and blogs.....

<https://www.jamesbrindleyprimary.com/class/year-2>

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Reading

Your child will bring home phonics books to match their learning. They will read twice a week in school, and will need to read at home. Books will be changed on your child's reading days, as long as they have read at home.

Your child will also bring a library book home each week. This will need to be returned before another one can be taken. Our library day will be Thursday.

We will also be continuing reading our class novel each week; 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl.

PE Reminders

Our PE days, this half term, are Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will need to have indoor and outdoor kits in school all week. Indoor kit includes a yellow James Brindley T-shirt, blue shorts, and pumps. Outdoor kit includes unnamed jogging bottoms/leggings, jumper or hoody, trainers, and spare socks. Earrings must be removed before the lesson.

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ENGLISH

In English, we will be looking at the poem, *The Sound Collector*. We will be using this to increase our performance skills.

We will then be moving onto 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be finishing our Fractions unit, before moving onto measure. This will include height, length, mass and capacity.

During this half term we will be continuing to work on our arithmetic and problem solving skills.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be starting our new topic, all about Plants. We will be recapping the parts of a plant, and the plants commonly found in Britain.

We will be discovering how plants grow from seeds to mature plants, and what they need in order to do this successfully

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will be continuing to use Purple Mash to support our lessons in 'Effective Searching' and 'Creating Pictures'

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be looking at the question: 'Why does it matter where my food comes from?'

During this we will be exploring where food is grown in the UK and what happens in certain farms.

D&T

In D&T, we will be designing and making our own vehicles, using axles and wheels.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'Growing and Changing'.

Home Learning

English & Maths

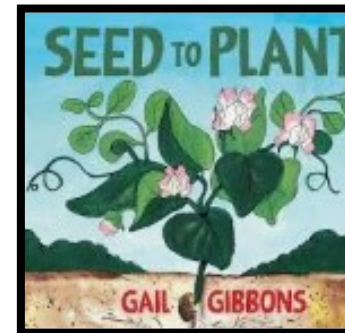
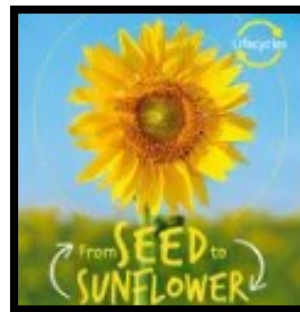
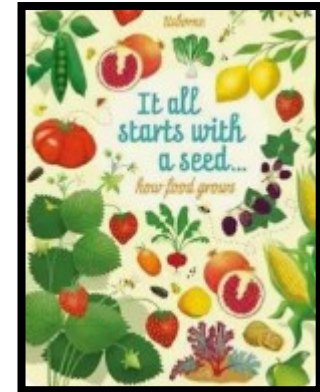
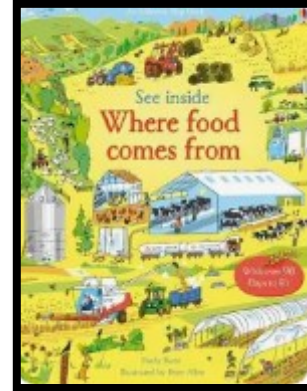
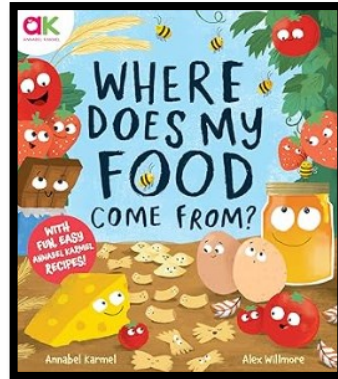
Homework will be sent out on a Friday, to be returned the following Tuesday. Please give your child some time to complete the activities independently.

Please continue to practise cursive handwriting with your child. Your child can practise their times tables on Times Table Rockstars.

Phonics/Spelling

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions which run from 9am-9.30am. Phonics groups are streamed based on your child's phonic knowledge, their ability to segment and blend and their tricky word recognition. All staff who lead phonics groups have been fully trained in the delivery of our phonics scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'. The children will receive weekly spellings which link directly to the sounds they have been working on in phonics during the week. Spellings will be given out each Friday. The spelling sheet that the children bring home does not need to be returned to school, it is just for them to practise with you at home. Although the children will be tested on their spellings, scores are not recorded and shared, all efforts are celebrated and rewarded.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Online Resources

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction>