

Year 2 Curriculum Information

Term 5

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate!

Term 5 is a crucial time of year for year 2 children as we will be doing KS1 SATs at the beginning of May. It is vital that children come to school every day and they are on time, well fed and hydrated.

During term 5 please support your child's learning at home by doing:

- Year 2 common exception words and using these in sentences.
- Reading every day and it is strongly recommended that children are not having too much tablet/gaming time, especially before bed.
- Going over the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts.
- Telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes (hour, quarter past, half past and quarter to)
- Adding money and giving change.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of the year 2 team, or leave a message for us on the door in the morning and we will do our very best to help. Alternatively feel free to e-mail us.

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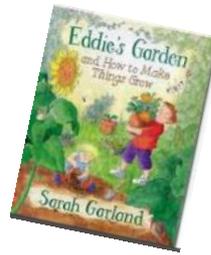
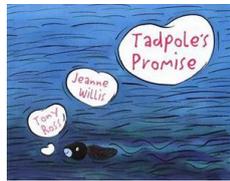


Our topic and areas for learning this half term



This term the creative curriculum will explore '*How does your garden grow?*' with a **science** focus on identifying a variety of common plants, labelling parts of a plant, observing how seeds and bulbs grow and finding out how plants stay healthy. We will also be planting a variety of seeds and exploring the life cycle of plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. We will also be looking at life cycles' of frogs and butterflies.

Our English text is *Eddie's Garden* and we will base our writing on the story of the *The secret garden*.



Geography: Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. We will be looking at features of our local environment by going on an observational walk to the sensory garden to explore plants and flowers.



ART: Exploring seeds in exotic fruit, tasting exotic fruits and doing still life drawings of the fruit using oil pastels. We will also be designing our own secret garden that will then use to write about in English. Throughout the term we will be observing and drawing our own bean plant diary.



COMPUTING: We will be exploring computer games and learning how different algorithms are used to create simple games.



RE

We will be learning how Christians celebrate.

D&T

In D&T we will be designing our own butterfly wall hanging which we will then be making in due course. Please let us know if you're free to help us with sewing. We would really appreciate your help! We will let you know dates as soon as possible.



Maths and English

Maths and English will be taught daily. English will be made up of phonics, guided reading, spelling, grammar and a range

of writing activities. Maths will include weekly times tables and practise of the skills of each child's level for the 99 club. Children are not expected to reach the 99 club until they are in year 6.

READING:

Although your child's reading book is changed once a week, please remind them, as we often do, that they can take a book from the free choice area or even read a book from home!

Growth Mindset

Our whole school learning power for the Term 5 is:

Being determined



Our character that represents that learning behaviour is a Gerald the Giraffe (From Giraffe's Can't Dance)

I can keep going when things are hard for me.

I don't let others put me off.

I can settle down to a task and finish it.

CLASS RULES AND YEAR 2 LEARNING PARTNERS

The children in each class have agreed some class rules. This helps them to keep their name on the 'green' area of the class behaviour chart (green is good!).

If the children have shown exceptional behaviour or effort in their work they may be awarded 'silver' or 'gold'. The children will then be given a certificate to take home to celebrate this.

Also each week a child from each of the year 2 classes will be chosen as a "Learning Partner of the week" and they will receive a certificate linked to the learning power "*Being Determined*"

Homework

- Each week the children will be given weekly spellings in an orange book, which will need to be practised at home.
- The children will have a homework book with a "Homework Activities Grid" for each term full of exciting activities for them to choose from. They are expected to do one of these activities a week but if they want to do more then they can!
- We will stick the times table your child is currently working on at the back of their book so you can keep supporting them.
- Furthermore, children are expected to read with an adult EVERY night.
- The homework will be given out every Friday and must be returned every Wednesday.
- The homework book is marked with a star stamper.

X1 star is good and equals one house point.

X2 stars is great and equals two house points.

X3 stars is fabulous and equals three house points.



Your child now has a 'My Maths' username and password so they can do maths activities online.

Music is on a Wednesday.

Computing is on a Wednesday.

PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Reminder about PE kit: EVERY CHILD NEEDS A PE KIT.

Children **MUST** wear a white t shirt, dark shorts and black plimsolls. Jewellery must not be worn for PE.