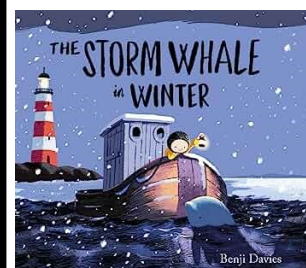


Year 2 newsletter - Summer 2



Hello and welcome back to the final half term of the school year! Our topic for this half term is the seaside—as you may have guessed from our trip to Blackpool. We are reading *The Storm Whale in Winter* in English, and will be comparing Blackpool with the beaches in Bali in Geography. In Science, we are learning about the life cycles of humans and animals, and in DT will be designing and making chocolate cakes! It's going to be a busy half term so please have a careful read of the key dates below to make sure you don't miss anything. As always, keep an eye on Dojo for any updates from me or the office.



KEY DATES

Tuesday 18th June—Class trip to Blackpool

Friday 21st June—Sports Day—KS1 @ 9am

Friday 21st June—Blackwell Woods Grand Opening @ 3pm

w/c 24th June—Assessment Week

Wednesday 3rd July—Transition Day

Tuesday 9th July—Family Fest

Friday 19th July—Year 2 Parents Picnic @ 1.30pm

Friday 19th July—Reports sent out

Tuesday 23rd July—End of year awards

Wednesday 24th July—School closes

Assessments

Year 2 will be completing some end of year assessments during Assessment Week with the rest of the school (apart from Year 6). These are the non-statutory KS1 SATs and will help to inform my teacher assessment on the end of year reports.

As always, we try to keep the assessments as relaxed and low key as possible, and all I ask is that the children try their best. They have all worked incredibly hard this year and results on tests are only a tiny portion of their school experience, so please do not worry about them!



Reading: We still change home reading books on a **Friday**. Please don't forget to sign the record when you have read at home.

Library: we will be changing library books also on **Friday**. Your child will need to bring their book each week.

If you have lost a book, you can pay £5 for a replacement on Parent Pay.

PE: sessions are still on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Outdoor Learning: **Wednesday** afternoon. Your child can keep their wellies/ footwear in the cloakroom during term time, please send them in a named and labelled bag.

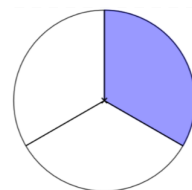


Homework: Please choose from the list of homework choices below. Complete one piece each week and either send in to school or upload to Dojo.

- How many items with Fairtrade logos can you find on a trip to the supermarket?
- Imagine you are going for a picnic on the beach. What would you need to pack in your picnic basket? How can you make sure you have a balanced diet?
- Write a timetable of your day and draw the time on the clock for each activity.
- Make a list of the special people in your life. Go on a walk and choose a flower or plant to match to each person. You could choose a plant that reminds you of them, or one you think they would like. Remember not to pick anything that's growing—just take photos!
- Write an acrostic poem about your best friend, using the word FRIEND.
- Find some photos of you as a baby. Look in the mirror and compare yourself. What has changed? What is the same? What might you look like when you are older? Draw a picture of your future self and label it with your best adjectives.

Maths

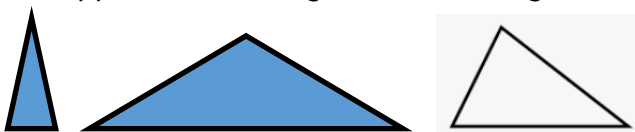
This half term we will be consolidating all the learning from the year. Children will become more familiar with answering word problems about addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will practice using pictorial and written methods to answer these questions.



We will also be completing a topic on Time. In Year 2, children learn to tell the time to the nearest quarter-hour and if they are ready will also tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. If you can, please have an analogue clock somewhere accessible in your house and practice at home.



After assessment week, we'll begin to start looking ahead to some Key Stage 2 learning. We'll be completing a module all about the number 3—triangles, the three-times table, counting in 3s. We'll also be looking at numbers beyond 100, using number lines, measure and money to explore what happens when we get into three digits.



As always, our Maths curriculum is challenging and adaptive to all. Where appropriate, we will push children further in their learning and ensure they have a deep and secure understanding of the Year 2 curriculum. We will be practicing reasoning and problem solving throughout.