

April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – the Summer term is here!

Theme:

This term our two topics are ‘Wriggle and Crawl – What’s that crawling up your leg?’ and ‘Land ahoy - Swashbucklers, are you ready?’

In ‘**Wriggle and Crawl**’ the children will be having lots of first hand experiences with insects and other animals, including going on a minibeast hunt around the school, and following this up with a visit to Woodside Wildlife Park. After observing the minibeasts close up, we shall be drawing them and looking at their symmetry, and then sewing our own minibeast puppets out of felt. Finally, we shall be investigating the life cycles of insects and finding out what they eat and what eats them!

In the week 21st – 25th May the Year 2 children will sit their SATs tests in school. Please help us give your child the best chance at these by making sure they have had a sensible bedtime and a good breakfast that week before coming to school on time.

In ‘**Land ahoy**’, the children will be reading ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’ and designing, making and evaluating a new basket to send Mr Grinling’s picnic to the lighthouse. We will then be designing and making a healthy picnic and a working lighthouse. To finish the year off we are writing pirate poems, letters, creating ‘Wanted’ posters, and making some buried treasure maps using compass directions, and we are planning a trip to the beach. In this half term there will also be Sports day; a Sports week; and assemblies to finish off the year. It’s a busy time!

We should also like to remind parents that the Year 1 children will have their Year 1 phonics screening check in the week beginning 11th June.

PE days

These are remaining the same:

1L – Monday, Thursday

1B – Monday, Thursday

1/2 D – Wednesday, Thursday

2H – Monday, Wednesday

2R – Monday, Friday

Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly named, and that your child has it in school on the correct days. Earrings should be removed for PE days or for the PE lessons. If this is not possible, please provide your child with tape or plasters to cover them.



Home learning:

Reading: We expect you to hear your child read to you at least three times a week, and to record this down in the Reading Record book. When you have signed your child's book three times, they will receive a reading raffle ticket – a chance to enter the class draw to win a book to keep for themselves.

Spellings: Each week your child should bring home a spelling sheet with the spellings to practise and learn. In addition, there is a quiz on 'Purple Mash' on the internet each week to test your child on these spellings.

Maths: Your child has brought home a Maths Passport – please practise one of these mental objectives a few times each week until you feel your child is fluent in their recall. The more easily your child can recall these number facts, the more easily they can apply them to problem solving.

In addition, Year 2 pupils have been given a log in to access Mathletics and Spellodrome to practise the key skills in Maths. Please ask your child's teacher if you have lost your log in; however if you are having problems accessing your child's account then please contact Mathletics directly – their contact details are on the website.

Theme: Your child will be bringing home the Learning Log for the 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic for this half term. Please help your child to choose one activity from the menu each week and they can bring it in when they have completed it. After half term we will be sending home the home learning log for 'Land ahoy!'

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to your child's class teacher. Here's to a great Summer term!

Yours sincerely

The Key Stage 1 Team