

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term. We would like to thank everyone for their efforts in Year 2 so far and are looking forward to an exciting Summer term, where we have lots of fun activities planned.

English

In **English** we will be reading *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, a story book designed to teach children about the impact of people on our environment and how important it is to care for our planet. Children will link this to their geography topic of protecting our planet. The children will use the story of Greta and the Giants to write their own narrative. Children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting daily, alongside phonics and spelling lessons.

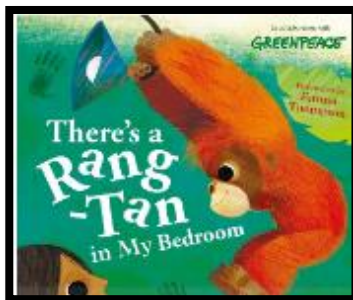
Maths

Fractions– We will continue to secure our knowledge and understanding of fractions as “an equal part of a whole” so that we can fully understand $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

Telling the Time– Children will be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue and digital clocks.

DT

In **DT** we will be looking at how levers, linkages and pivots can be used to make a moving monster. We will oversee the whole design process from initial drawing to making our own design.



Science

In **Science**, we will be learning about **Plants**. Children will learn about plant life-cycles and what plants need to survive and grow healthily. They will be growing their own plants in different environments, predicting which will grow healthily and recording the results of their investigations.

Geography

In **Geography**, we will be considering our wonderful world! Children will revisit prior learning naming the oceans and continents and move to new learning about protecting our planet.

This will link closely to our English work and our inspiration figure of Greta Thunberg, who we will learn about in Guided Reading.

PE/PSHE

P.E will focus on athletic skills building up to sports day. In **PSHE** children will learn about relationships. Learning about what families are, how to deal with worries, how they are the same and different to each other and how we work with others.

Computing

Children will learn how to make their own music using Chrome Lab. They will explore different types of music and consider how the music makes them feel, before composing their own piece of music on the iPads.

Our' Place in 'Our' World.

We will celebrate Earth Day by creating a pledge, promising to look after our planet.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In **Science**, children will look at plants and the conditions these needs to grow. We will hold class discussions and debates about farming and food production around the world.

Healthy and Happy Living

In **PSHE** will be learning about healthy relationships and how we care for each other.

Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, the children will carry out investigations into the perfect conditions for plants to grow and record the results. Children will then make generalisations to find what plants need.

Important information for children in school:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Friday. **Children should come to school in their PE kits.** This must include a white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in. Children may wear a hoody or fleece if the weather is cold, but this should be plain and unbranded.
- Please bring your **child's book bag to school every day** so that we can read with children. Completed books will be changed on Wednesday and Thursday, ready to be sent home on Friday. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App.**
- **Spelling tests and Big Maths tests will be on a Friday.**
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk, if this has been paid for. Children should bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs McAvoy, Miss Whitehead, Mrs Conway