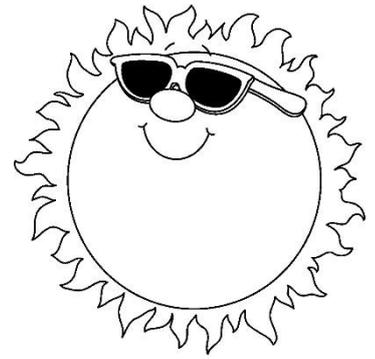


**Summer Term 2019**

## **Year 2 Newsletter**



Hello and welcome back. I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead! I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children this term.

The purpose of this letter is to give you an outline of the term ahead and to give you some information about some of the curriculum areas Year 2 will be covering.

Topics this term include:

Science - Living things and their habitats

History - Seaside: Past and present

Geography - An Island Study

Technology - Mechanisms

Art - links to other topics

ICT - Coding and Programming

PE - Ball skills and Athletics

Further Year 2 curriculum information is available on the school website in the Classroom and Curriculum information sections.

We will continue to use story books as the inspiration for our writing, starting with 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. In addition to daily English lessons the class will undertake English activities each day. These will include a guided reading session, a handwriting task, an opportunity for independent reading, a word level activity, a grammar task and a Big Question debating session. We will also link some of our History and Science topic work into literacy lessons, and have dedicated Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar sessions each week. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. Please write in your child's reading diary so we can keep a track on their progress even if they are reading confidently on their own. In the Year 2 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Children will be given spellings on a Friday which they will need to learn in preparation for testing the following Friday. Your help with encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly will be greatly appreciated. It is also beneficial to practise spellings from previous weeks.

In Maths, amongst other things, we will be looking at division, fractions and problem solving. As well as this the children will be working on their times tables facts (2s, 5s and 10s and 3s and 4s if confident).

P.E. lessons will take place on Monday, and Tuesdays. I would really appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor kits available each week and suitable outdoor trainers.

Homestudy will continue to be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. The tasks will alternate between online activities (MyMaths), practical tasks and more problem solving based activities. Please use the equipment in the maths bags you have. If you have any questions about the tasks or methods used please let me know.

Some important dates for your diary this term include:

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Assessments.

The children will sit 2 Reading papers, 2 Maths papers and a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper during the week.

Please ensure that the children have early bedtimes and lots of rest that week and the weekend before.

If you have any questions about the SATs please refer to the presentation slides on the school website or come in to see me.

After many years at Maple, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May we will be saying our fond farewells to Mrs Gibson. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Our class TAs from 7<sup>th</sup> May onwards will be:

Monday - Mrs Melvin

Tuesday to Friday - Mrs Martin

For regular updates of what has been happening in the Year 2 classrooms, follow us on Twitter **@MapleSchoolYr2**. For whole school news events please go to **[www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk](http://www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk)**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to pop up to the classroom to see me.

With kind regards

Mrs Johnson and the Year 2 team

