



Year 2 Summer Newsletter

Summer is finally here! We are all ready for another exciting term in Year 2, and we will hopefully be making the most of the sunnier skies and warmer weather outside at this time of year.

Our new topic for this term is called 'An Island Home'. This newsletter will tell you some of the things we will be doing as part of our topic, and what we will be learning in other areas of the curriculum too.

SCIENCE

This term we will continue studying plants and animals, including food chains. Next, we will be learning to use microscopes and look at things up close! Our second topic is called 'Little Masterchefs' and as part of this we will learn about food hygiene and where our food comes from.

English

In our English lessons this term, we will be focusing on our sentence structure and really trying to make sure that our punctuation use is correct **all** of the time, as this is what is expected under the new curriculum. We will continue our focus on spelling and grammar.

We will also be having a BIG push on handwriting this term! Children will be encouraged to make their writing as neat as it can be (whether it is joined or not) and will have to chance to win their pen licence (for beautiful joined handwriting).

This half term, and for part of next half term, we are very lucky to welcome Mrs Hughes into our class – a student teacher from The University of Birmingham. We look forward to working with her in our lessons.

An Island Home

As part of our Island Home topic we will be learning all about the islands that make up the British Isles, and focusing in particular on the Orkney Islands and the Island of Coll, which is the place that inspired the location of the Katie Morag stories. We will learn how life on an island is different to life where we live.

We will also be researching a famous Victorian island-dweller called Grace Darling and learning about the event that she is remembered for today. We will also be going back in time to look at how seaside holidays have changed since Victorian times. As part of our work on seaside holidays, we will be making our very own Punch and Judy shows and painting seaside scenes.

A pirate's life for me!

In the second half of this term, we will be learning all about treasure islands and pirates! We will draw our own treasure maps, using coordinates, compass points and geographical keys as well as trying to separate fact from fiction by learning about some famous pirates from history. We will even have a go at singing like pirates, by learning one of the sea shanties that pirates used to sing!

Maths

In line with the expectations of the new curriculum, in our Maths lessons we will be consolidating all that we have learnt over the year in order to allow children to 'master' each area of the Maths curriculum. We will also be focusing on solving different words problems, including those with two steps, and tackling test-style practise questions in class, to get children used to what is expected in their May assessments.

As always, we would like to say a BIG thank-you for all your support.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Philippou