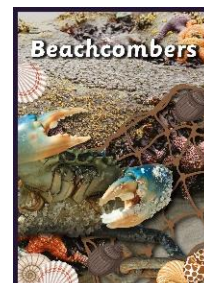


Summer 1 Newsletter Year 2

Welcome back to the last term of Year 2! We hope you all had a relaxing Easter holidays and are now back into the school routine.

Topic

This half term, we will become Beachcombers and visit the beach to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the seashore and explore rock pools to find living and non-living things. We'll use books and the internet to search for information about the seashore. At the end of the project, we'll decide how we should look after the coastal environment and how the beach can be kept clean.

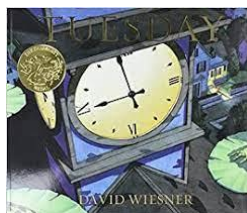


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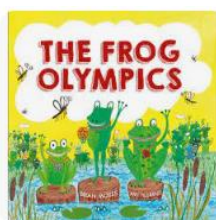


During this half term we will have a two week art focus. The children will be focusing on joining. We will use sketchbooks to closely observe and sketch real objects and scenes. We will create a mixed media collage by exploring a variety of malleable materials.

Literacy



Our first Text Driver is Tuesday by David Wiesner. The book is very different to others we have looked at so far in Year 2 – there are no words! The pictures show some very strange happenings... and we will use these as inspiration for writing our own newspaper reports, learning about the features we need to include.



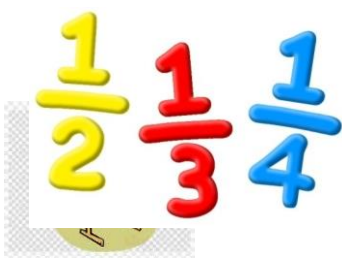
Our second text is Frog Olympics. This is a poetry book and it will help us to learn rhythm and rhyme. We will be using it to help us perform poetry with appropriate intonation, body language and expression.

Teach Handwriting



We are continuing to focus on handwriting and presentation this term, with a big focus on joining our handwriting all the time. If you want to see some of the handwriting resources, they are freely available at teachhandwriting.co.uk.

Maths



This half term we are learning about fractions. The unit provides a review of previously learnt concepts and then we move on to find fractions of whole numbers and quantities. The unit focuses on halves, quarters and thirds. We will compare and order fractions and learn to count in quarters and thirds and finish the unit by finding parts of a set.

PE

Just a reminder that PE days this half term are as follows:

2A Miss Morris' Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

2B Mrs Watts/Mrs Betts Class: Wednesday and Thursday

Jigsaw PSHE

The jigsaw piece this half term is called 'Relationships. This piece will include discussions about friendships, solving problems within a friendship and how to help people feel like they are part of a group. The children will then begin to discuss the meaning of respect and understanding what makes a good relationship.



Discovery RE

The key focus of this half term is all on 'Belonging.' We will be discussing community responsibilities, beliefs about the meaning and purpose of the world as well as the differences and similarities between differing communities and how they live their lives through religion.

Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/play/> (Login = home8972 Password = crazy8362)

<https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-joins-choice-3.html>

Please continue to read at home with your child, focussing on comprehension, asking them questions about what they have read and discussions about the book.

We would also like to help prepare the children as much as possible for our Sark trip next half term! This trip involves lots of walking so please can you encourage time outside together and walks with family or friends in readiness for the trip.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Watts, Mrs Betts and Miss Morris

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Diary Dates:

6.5.24	May Day – School Closed
9.5.24	Liberation Day – School Closed
10.5.24	Sponsored Walk
24.5.24	End of Half Term