

# Year 2 Information Summer Term 1 - 2018



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<u>Dates for the Diary</u>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closed for Polling
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for May Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half-term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school

## Reading is Important

As well as having our 'class reader', pupils have opportunities to take home a book of their choosing to read for pleasure from the book corner, and a book with a coloured label on the spine which denotes our reading level. These books must be kept in their reading bag or book folder and brought in every day.

It is very important that your child brings in their book every day as we often provide opportunities to read in class. Please ensure your child's book is returned every Friday as this is the day that pupils change their book.

Please take time to listen to your child read each day and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words.

Try taking your child to the local library, it's free to join and borrow books.

## Reminders

- Each Year 2 class has P.E. on Mondays & Wednesdays; please make sure they have their P.E. kits including trainers/plimsolls with them on these days and that it is not worn under their uniform. Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.
- Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Pupils may bring a bottle of water to drink during the day.
- Please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (hat, suncream etc.)

## Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off/collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place every day in the Family Room from 8am to 9am at a cost of £2 per day.

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### RE

#### What Stories did Jesus Tell?

During this unit children learn about stories from the New Testament gospels that Jesus told. Children will be asked to draw on their own experience and understanding of storytelling and story writing. They learn about how important it was for Jesus to tell stories as a means of teaching about God.

### FRENCH

#### Food

By the end of the unit children should be able to name some food and drinks in French. They will engage in conversations about meals and food and drink choices, including asking for different foods and drinks.

### HISTORY

#### Significant Individuals

#### Mary Anning and Sir Walter Raleigh

Children will be expected to have a firm understanding of the achievements of these two historical figures: Mary Anning, for her contributions to our understanding of dinosaurs and life on earth as well as being a woman in science when this wasn't common and Walter Raleigh for his contributions to English understanding of the world and his discoveries. They will discuss the importance and level of impact these people had on our lives. Children will also further develop their understanding of sources and how to examine them.

### PE

#### Tennis

Children will be able to follow simplified rules of a game, start to be able to hit a ball in different ways and move with growing speed before hitting a ball during a game. They will also be able to decide where the best place to be during a game is.

#### Athletics

Children will be able to run continuously for about one minute and show the difference between running at speed and jogging. They will be able to demonstrate improvement with basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching and talk about what they need to do to increase their ability with these skills.

#### Health and Fitness

Children will be able to describe how their bodies feel before, during and after an activity.

### ART/DT

#### Mechanisms

Year 2 are learning about different mechanisms like sliders to create movement. They will also explore linkages within a creative setting.

### COMPUTING

#### Espresso Coding

Designing a Game Children to use what they have learnt in Espresso Coding to design a game. Initially teacher will guide children to what game they need to create. Final piece will be a game children have created independently.

### SCIENCE

#### Living things and their habitats

Children will explore things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats and describe how different habitats provide for different animals and plants.

### MUSIC

#### Folk Music

Children learn Welsh Folk songs, create and perform music using their voices and some percussion instruments.