

Summer Newsletter

Class 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

The sun is out as we begin the summer term! I hope you've managed to have a lovely time over Easter.

Here is a brief outline of some of the learning that will take place in Summer Term 1: In **Maths** we will be learning about money and have a financial education workshop next week which will be run by Mrs Grizzell (an AK parent who works at SJP). We will then learn about properties of shapes. In **English** we will be reading *The Secret Sky Garden*, a picture book about child who plants a garden on a disused carpark rooftop. This story will link nicely with the study of **plants** in **Science** and with our **Geography** topic which is **environmental responsibility**; ways in which the children can help to look after our world. The children will continue with **stop motion animation** in **Computing** and they will plan and create a short stop motion animation in small groups. In **Art** our focus will be **painting**. The children will be learning more about the **Islamic** faith in **RE**.

Home learning

Maths

Set every **Thursday** and due in on **Tuesday**. **Cracking Times Tables** will be tested on **Thursdays**.

Reading comprehension

Set every **Thursday** and due in on **Tuesday**.

Spellings

Spellings are set on **Mondays** (when the new rule is introduced to the class) and the test must be completed online on Spelling Frame by **Sunday**.

Reading

Many children are now free readers or nearly there. Our aim is for the majority of the children in the class to achieve this by the end of Year 2. Daily reading continues to be one of the most important ways you can help your child. Even if your child is a free reader, hearing them read daily, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters makes a huge difference. Thank you.

SAT Tests

Y2 SAT tests will take place during May. The children will complete the following tests:

- Maths arithmetic
- Maths reasoning
- English Reading Paper 1
- English Reading Paper 2
- Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

SAT tests are statutory and we are required to test children in Y2 and submit the scores your child receives to the local authority. The link below explains more about these tests which you may find it helpful to watch.

[Key stage 1 and 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents)

I appreciate that completing tests can make children anxious and I have only completed one set of practice tests to help familiarise the children with how the tests look and how they are carried out. Your child's scores for these tests were shared with you on your child's mid-year report.

To make the process as relaxed as possible, children will take the tests in small groups rather than as a whole class. Some children will have a 1:1 reader for the Maths reasoning test to help read the questions. We are unable to read the questions for the reading papers but some children may have their answers scribed for them. Whilst the tests have suggested timings, they are not strictly timed.

In KS1, SAT test scores form part of the evidence I will use to reach my teacher assessment of your child's attainment. The majority of evidence is gained from their day to day class work. SAT test scores will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

PE

PE lessons will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons.

Forest School:

Wednesday 11th May
Wednesday 8th June
Wednesday 29th June

Class assembly **Tuesday 5th July**

Miss Redman & the Class 2 team