

Week beginning: 05/07/21

Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe how quickly the end of year is approaching and that it is already July! The staff are making sure they enjoy every minute left of Year 2 with the children, reassuring them, planning fun activities and continuing with transition work. More details will shortly be shared about the leavers' assembly.

English - Continuing our topic of 'Around the World in 12 Weeks', we will be looking at the text "Meerkat Mail" by Emily Gravett, and comparing the Meerkat's journey through Weybridge to his journey through Kenya (linking to geography). The children will be looking at ways of communicating, and writing postcards to summarise their travels.

If you have any postcards at home, please show them to your child/children. Can they see where it was sent from? What type of information is included? Has your child ever written a postcard before? Perhaps you could remind them. Other texts that you could read to your children include "The Jolly Postman" by Janet and Allen Ahlberg, and "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Oliver Jeffers.

Maths - In maths we will be working on capacity and volume; ensuring the children know the difference between these. There are lots of practical activities planned including following instruction and reading measures in order to make a potion. The children will also be comparing and using the language and symbols - greater than, less than, equal to.

At home, your child could practise pouring and measuring liquids in the bath or sink. If the containers have measures on them, can your child read these? What is the total capacity of the container (the most it could hold), what is the volume (how much liquid is in it), and what is the difference between these amounts?

Phonics/Grammar - We will be continuing to look at word endings, focussing on -ly, -tion and learning the rules that determine how these are used. We will be highlighting that using -ly changes an adjective into an adverb. We will also be looking at the difference between a statement and an exclamation and understanding when to use an exclamation mark.

PSHE - In PSHE the children will be thinking about their trusted people, and positive touch compared to touch they are not happy with. We will also be looking at the NSPCC 'PANTS' rule and talking about the word 'consent'.

Geography - Our geography links beautifully with English this week. Our meerkat will be travelling through Kenya and looking at the human geography of the country. We will ask the children to reflect on lifestyle, jobs, housing, community and resources and comparing these to how they live in this country.

Music - We will be practising our singing for our end of term presentation. Please practise the songs at home with your child. More information will follow.

Computing - This week we will be learning all about surrealist art, and making their own art using the chrome books.

In **PE** the children will be building on their ball skills, focussing on accuracy and speed when rolling and stopping a large ball.

Reading - Please continue to ensure that you read with your child 5 times a week and record this in their reading record. Our in school reading competition continues and we are looking to see how many children have read 5 or more times each week at home. Please do continue to read with your child every night for 10 minutes and ask them questions about the book and what they have read. Books will be changed on a Monday (2 books) and Friday (1 book).

Reminder - For Forest School the children need long sleeves and leggings/trousers. This is to prevent them getting scratched/bitten/affected by the elements.

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th July - Summer reading challenge visit from Weybridge library

Thursday 8th July - Year 2 Forest School (please bring suitable clothes in a named bag for children to get changed into during the school day)

Monday 12th July - Year 2 cinema trip (AM) and review afternoon

Tuesday 13th and Wed 14th - Year 2 filming their leavers' assembly

Thursday 15th July - Annual reports sent home to parents via pupils

Wednesday 21st July - End of Term (early finish - staggered pick up times between 1-1.20pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team ☺