

Week beginning: 12/07/21

Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

This is the final full week of school for our wonderful Year 2 children (and families). It is going to be an exciting week as usual, with opportunities for the children to sing to you, to be recorded and filmed, to go on a cinema trip, meet their new teachers from Cleves, and annual reports are also being sent home. See the key dates below for more information. What a busy week we have planned!!

English - In English we will be introducing the text 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson. This links beautifully with our Africa focus, and the children will be predicting, creating and exploring a range of tasks including creating and describing their own animal, and thinking about the types of learning they like to do best.

At home you could research interesting animals of Africa. Are there dangerous animals? Are there any unusual animals that can only be found in Africa? You could ask your child to draw/label/write about an animal that they are interested in.

Maths - In maths we will be looking at temperature; how we measure temperature, what it is, how it is recorded, and linking this to climate around the world. We will also be looking at weather forecasts and identifying the temperature and how this feels day today.

At home you could show your child a weather app if you have one on your phone. You could share the weather forecast on the news if watching it. Does your car panel show the temperature? Do you have a watch or a fitbit that shows the temperature? Explore with your child how the temperature is recorded or written. How hot is too hot? What is a comfortable temperature? What happens to the temperature at night?

Art - The children will be making African silhouette paintings using a range of techniques, some colour blending and careful cutting skills. They will bring these home at the end of term.

PSHE - In PSHE we will be discussing what the children are most looking forward to next year, and reflect on any areas they want improve in. We will be setting goals with the children and planning what they will need to do to achieve their goal.

Science - In science we will be looking at hygiene and tracking the 'germ trail' when we don't wash our hands well enough. We will be looking at the spread of germs on high touch surfaces, and reminding the children of good handwashing routines.

Music - The children's voices will be recorded on Tuesday and Wednesday, and they will be performing songs to parents/carers in the afternoons (details below and previously shared). Please do continue to practise the singing with the children at home and encourage them to sing without reading the words.

Computing - The children will continue to use different art styles on Purple Mash, to create a piece of art of their own.

PE - In PE the children will continue to build on their ball skills, focussing on accuracy and speed when rolling and throwing balls. We will be doing activities involving targets and a range of challenges.

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.

We will be collecting all reading books and library books into school on Monday 19th July. Please do have a hunt at home, and return any books to us before your child moves on. The children will not be given new books from this date.

Diary Dates:

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

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

Wednesday 14th July - singing performance for Lion class parents, 2:30 in main playground (note change of date from original letter)

Friday 15th July - singing performance for Leopard class parents, 2:30 in main playground

Monday 19th July - singing performance for Tiger class parents, 2:30 in main playground

Thursday 15th July - Cleves teachers to visit the children at Manby (pm)

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

Tuesday 20th July - Class parties and a visit from the ice cream van

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

As always, thank you for your continued support - The Year 2 Team