

**'To Eat or be Eaten'**



**PE Days**

PE days in Year 2 this term are:

Y2GC - Monday/Thursday    Y2KK - Monday/Tuesday

Y2GS - Monday/Friday    Y2JB - Monday/Friday

This term please ensure that your child has PE kit which is suitable for wearing outside, including trainers or plimsolls. Children will need to ensure their hair is tied up and that earrings have been removed on these days. Thank you.

**Home Learning**

Home Learning, will continue to take the form of Timestables Rockstars, weekly spellings and comprehension tasks in your child's reading record book. These will connect to what your child is reading. We would appreciate if you could read regularly with your children at home, ensuring their book and reading record is in school every day. Feel free to add comments to communicate to us how your child has read at home.

**The Year 2 Team**

The Year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the past Term. As the children will be sitting their end of Key Stage 1 assessments in May, if you know your child is going to be absent please inform your class teacher as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made. If you do have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us or Glyn Rushton.

Gemma Curchin  
Josh Bulloss

Karolina Kruszko  
Gail Skelham

**English Key Skills**

The children will continue to learn about tenses, using the past and present tenses correctly in their written work.

They will be given opportunities to write their own poems, performing these to their peers.

Alongside this, the children will also begin to study various fictional characters, creating descriptions of these characters. Through this, they will develop their understanding of using apostrophes for possession and will improve their description through the use of similes.

It is important that the children practise their spellings each week as well as the Year 2 Common Exception Words as they will need to use these correctly in all of their writing. When writing the contracted form of words, children need to ensure that the apostrophe is in the correct place. Please remember to practise these regularly at home.

**Maths Key Skills**

This Term the children will focus on statistics, using graphs and charts to measure and investigate the world around them. They will practise using number lines to solve a range of problems and will continue to recap their knowledge of time and money. The children will continue to have a reasoning and problem solving lesson each week to enable them to consolidate their learning from Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 and will use this understanding when completing their end of Key Stage 1 Mathematics papers. Please use the Maths Strategies pack to support your child's learning at home.

**Learning Journey**

Our topic of 'To Eat or be Eaten' will continue throughout this term. The children will get the opportunity to learn about various animals, focusing on their appearance, diet, habitat and special features. In Science, they will also learn about food chains, life cycles and seed dispersal. We will research significant individuals from the past and the children will be given the opportunity to study the famous artist Arcimboldo, before re-creating his work using fresh fruit and vegetables. They will compare and contrast different countries which are inhabited by animals who have adapted to their surroundings.

After studying nocturnal animals, at the end of the topic the children will be visited by The Owl Experience, where they will meet and learn first-hand about various species of owl. The children will also be given the opportunity to develop their sketching skills by drawing the fabulous animals.

**Reading**

This term our focus when reading will be on the children's understanding of texts. They will continue to answer questions about a range of texts using various learnt skills, such as skimming and scanning. They will also continue practising their inference and prediction skills. We will look at the connections between various texts and will have regular reading for pleasure time, during which the children will have access to a range of genres.

The children will continue having regular phonics sessions in which they will follow the Read Write Inc programme.

Please remember our 'Book and Biscuit' session where you are invited to come and share a story with your child on a Tuesday morning, 8:45am-8:55am.