

Dear Parents and Carers,

I always look forward to this time of year, the weather is warmer and sunnier and the summer term is always a fun one with things like sports day, water games and trips to look forward to.

In English the children will be focusing on writing to inform. We'll dive into texts such as 'A Mystery at the Incredible Hotel' and 'Where does your food come from' creating recounts, instructions and non-chronological reports.

This term, our exciting new topic is Food glorious food. In Geography, we will be exploring the different types of farms found in the UK (arable, livestock and dairy). They will discover how crops change due to the season and be looking closely at the crops grown in Lincolnshire, understanding why certain foods are produced in different parts of the country. To bring their learning to life the children will enjoy a visit from a farmer who will also bring in their tractor, and they will also take part in creating some delicious produce using locally sourced ingredients. **Keep your eyes peeled for exciting news!!**

In Science, we will be learning all about animals. The children will explore how animals survive in their natural environments and learn to identify and name animals based on their habitats. Using key scientific vocabulary, the children will describe different animals and begin to understand how they can be classified including mammals, fish, reptiles, birds and amphibians, and omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. As part of the topic, they will get a chance to create their own habitats, thinking carefully about what animals need to live and thrive.

In RE we will be exploring places of worship including the mosque, church and synagogue including why these are special places to worship and pray. Children will be able to name and label the key features of a church and what some parts signify. They will also get to visit our local church.

In PSHE children will be looking at keeping safe. Why we have rules and age restrictions. Children will be able to recognise risk in everyday situations e.g. road, fire, cycle, water and what to do if they are unsafe. Children will be able to identify people that keep us safe. We will do lots of practical learning on road and bike safety. **If children have their own bikes and helmets, please may these be in on the morning of the 21st May, they will then be returned at the end of the day.**

In Art/DT, the children will be exploring the artist Arcimboldo and what he used to create his paintings and how he represented different seasons using a range of materials. They will then create their own version of his painting.

PPA and ECT time

Please note the change-Mrs Osbourne will cover my PPA and ECT on a Tuesday morning 8:30-1:15am. If you have any messages between these times, please contact her via Dojo. If it is important, please ring the school office on 01205 460547.

Personal Belongings

Please can you make sure that **everything** is clearly labelled with your child's name, so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child.

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PE

In PE children will be participating in outdoor sports where we will be learning lots about teamwork, coordination and resilience, as well as working on confidence and communication between peers. PE will now be every Tuesday and Friday. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit including clothes appropriate for outdoor weather, and that it is back in school for the 24th of April 2025.

Reading Books**Phonics Book**

Your child will read their phonics book three times a week within school. Your child will then bring their new phonics book home on a Thursday. This book is based on your child's phonics level which has been decided from their assessment. Please ensure your child's previous phonics book is in school on the Thursday morning so we can issue their new one.

Accelerated reader books (year 2 children)

Your child should read this book at home either independently or with someone. Once they have read their book a few times, they will do a reading comprehension quiz. The outcome of the quiz will then determine their next book.

Regents reading incentive.

It's wonderful to see both children and parents getting more involved with reading at home! This term, we are going to place even more emphasis on the importance of reading. Through reading, children not only enhance their vocabulary, spelling, grammar, comprehension, and fluency, but also develop important skills like creativity, problem-solving, independence, and emotional intelligence. Most importantly, reading fosters a love for books, which can greatly benefit their mental well-being. Children who are reading **3 times a week or more** (on separate days which must be recorded in their reading records) will receive a prize out of the dippy box on a Friday.

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. Every child has a blue homework folder, and this is where their homework will be. Please ensure all homework is back in school the following **Friday morning**. All homework which has been handed in on time will get 2 dojo points. Your child can also access the online app Sumdog-this is a great app for maths. Log ins for your child's Sumdog account can be found in the inside page of their reading record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Kind Regards,
Miss Maclean and Mrs Simpson

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