

What's happening in Year Two?



Welcome back! We cannot believe we have made it half way through the year already. We hope you all enjoyed the short break. The children are already excited about this half terms topic and really enjoyed our launch on Monday. We had a go at recreating "The Marshmallow Experiment" where they had to resist a piece of cake for 5 minutes. You will have to ask them to find out how well they did!

They were also given the opportunity to be scientists and observe what happens to sweets in different liquids. As you could imagine it was quite a sticky mess!



Our topic this half term is...

Sugar and Spice and All things Nice!



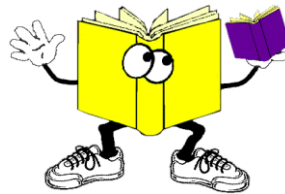
What will we be learning?

In English we will be exploring some different types of poetry and launching our Author of the Month as Micheal Rosen. He has lots of videos performing his poems on YouTube if you would like to explore this further with your child. We will then be looking at story writing based on the book "Biscuit Bear" by Mini Grey, where the children will write stories about biscuits that come to life!

In maths we will be revisiting multiplication and division as well as fractions. We will also have some opportunities for real life measuring and weighing as the children will be making their own sweet treats to enjoy at our film night. (See below for more details.) This half term is a very busy one for Year Two, as it is the beginning of the lead up to the statutory assessments in May. Therefore, there may be some changes to the timetable for your child, so that we can ensure their learning is personalised. It is at this time of year where your added support is even more vital so we can ensure your child meets the expected level. We will speak in more detail at Parents' Evening regarding how to specifically help your child. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to read daily with your child, practise keyword spellings and complete any homework tasks set.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday, either English or Maths, which will be due in the **following Tuesday**. Please support your child with reading the homework and encourage them to complete it independently as these activities are designed to support them with skills needed for the tests.



Topic outcome

We thought as our topic is all about treats we would like to treat the children to a film night at school. They will have the chance to make sweet treats in class which they will have alongside a small snack and drink as part of the event. We will be holding the event on **Monday 26th March** (directly after the magic show). We will send a letter closer to the time with more details. This has been a successful event for year 2 for the last two years and we are hoping your children will enjoy it just as much.

Statutory KS1 Assessments

It seems a little early to mention however, it is fast approaching. In May the children will be taking tests in Reading and Maths. They will complete them in stages and we will ensure that the children are fully prepared for them. During this half term they will be having a go at some practise papers so we can gauge how best to support them in May. We would like to remind you that these are marked by your child's teacher and are an added piece of evidence alongside the hard work they have completed in class. If you have any further questions regarding the tests please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

PE Days

All Year Two children have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has a **named** P.E. kit in school that includes a white top, shorts or trousers and plimsolls or trainers. Thank you.



Recorders

Recorders will continue this half term. Please ensure your child brings their recorder and book to school every **Wednesday**. Don't forget to practise at home!

Important days and dates

- 01/03/18 - World book day
- 02/03/18 - PIPSA pamper night
- 08/03/18 - International women's day
- 12- 16/ 03/18 - Science week
- 12/03/18 - PIPSA bake sale
- 12/03/18 - Last school run clubs
- 16/03/18 - INSET day school closed.
- 20 & 22/03/18 - Parents' evening
- 26 - 29/ 03/18 - RE week
- 26/03/18 - PIPSA magic show
- 29/03/18 - Wear a hat day
- 29/03/ 18 - Last day of term