

What's happening in Year Two?

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. The children were very excited this week to find that something had been in the classrooms over the holidays and made a huge mess. After further investigation we discovered Dragons had been in the school and had laid eggs! We are hoping they are friendly dragons if they do decide to return. We also welcome 3 student teachers to our team from the University of Chichester. Miss Salt will be joining Owls, Mr Church in Woodpeckers and Miss Gardiner in Finches.



Our topic this half term is...

Dragons!



English

In English we will be looking at the text "The Clockwork Dragon" by Jonathan Emmett. The children will then write their own newspaper reports about the Dragons on the loose! In guided reading we will also be comparing this text to other similar Dragon stories such as "The Eggs" by MP Robertson and the "Dragon Machine" by Helen Ward.

Maths

Over the next couple of weeks we will be revisiting fractions, considering how to solve non-unit fractions such as $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of amounts. We will then be looking at a range of mathematical skills to support the childrens' fluency and problem solving skills in preparation for the assessments.

Science

We have an exciting opportunity this half term. The school will be receiving chicken eggs that we hope, under the childrens care, will hatch and grow into healthy chicks. We will use this alongside our dragon topic to discuss how animals grow and reach maturity and then eventually die. We will then discuss suitable habitats and think about what a suitable habitat would be for a dragon.

History and Geography

We will be looking at the story of St George and how he conquered the dragon. We will then use the information to learn more about the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. The children will be able to discuss characteristics of the four countries and identify the capital cities.



Art and Design Technology

We will be using a range of mediums such as charcoal, chalk and oil pastels to create artwork of Dragon's eyes. We will also use our English text to inspire us to look at clock-work mechanisms.

The sunshine is coming!

As the weather begins to get warmer, can we remind the children to stay Sun Smart and follow the advice from Sid the Seagull.

Slip, slap, slop, seek and slide.

Please ensure named water bottles and hats are in school everyday

Statutory KS1 Assessments

We hope the booklet provided at Parents' Evening explained clearly the expectations for the tests your child will be sitting next month. We will be conducting the assessments from week beginning 7th May. The exams will take place over **3 weeks**. We strongly urge that your children is in school every day during this time so that they do not miss any assessments. The children will not be able to retake the exams after May therefore will not score for any tests missed.

PE

In PE this half term the children will be practising a range of team games in preparation for Sports Day on Friday 18th May. Information will follow with more detail about the organisation of the day.



Music

Recorders will continue this half term. Please ensure your child brings their recorder and book to school every **Wednesday**.

We also have the Hampshire Music service in to teach the children how to play a range of other tuned instruments.

Important days and dates

Summer 1 Diary Dates

- 27.4.18-Non- school Uniform Day- Bottle Donation
- 30.4.18-Open School-3.05
- 4.5.18—Non School Uniform Day- Chocolate donation
- 7.5.18-Bank Holiday-School closed
- 10.5.18-Class Photographs
- 13.5.18- Summer Fayre
- 14.5.18- Walk to School Week
- 16.5.18- Ramadan Lunch
- 18.5.18-Sports Day
- 23.5.18- Real Maths day
- 25.5.18-Last day of term
- 4.6.18-Back to school

**Monday 7th May - 25th May -
KS1 Assessments**