

Year 2 Newsletter – Summer



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter and are feeling well rested and ready for another term of exciting learning in Year 2.

Last Term

The children absolutely loved our last enquiry – How does the past affect the future?



Diary Dates for this half term

Tuesday 14th April – Express yourself day

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday

Friday 22nd May- Colour Run

25th May – 29th May – Half Term

Friday 19th June – Father's Day

Thursday 25th June – Sports Day

Friday 10th July – Summer Fayre

Thursday 21st July -KS1 Summer Disco

Friday 24th July – Last day of school

Science – Plants and animals including humans.

This term, we will be looking at why exercise, a balanced diet and good hygiene are important for humans.

We will be also looking at what plants need in order to stay healthy and to grow.

We will also be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into plants.

Enquiry

This term's enquiry is an art theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term, we are going to be answering the question, '**How do we express ourselves?**' Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

Week 1 – Our journey begins with learning about Frida Kahlo, a famous artist from Mexico. In Geography, children will use map skills to compare Mexico City with Nottingham.

Week 2 – Building on this, children will create artwork inspired by Frida Kahlo, comparing the two cities, while exploring tints, tones and shades in Art.

Week 3 – Next, they will mix their own tints, tones and shades using primary colours, and experiment with how lines and colours can express emotions and mood.

Week 4 – Through a range of painting techniques, children will create artwork that shows different feelings, including an "emotion explosion" using imagination and experience.

Week 5 – This week, we will be learning about how artists use negative and positive space. We will also be creating a print picture inspired by Frida Kahlo.

Week 6/7 – During these weeks, the focus will be on developing sketchbook skills, understanding that mistakes are part of learning. Children will discuss famous artworks and create painted self-portraits.

Week 8 – This week, we will learn about the strengths needed for different roles. We will also learn about the responsibilities linked to different jobs.

Week 9 – We will learn about where our food comes from and the difference between natural food and food produced in factories. We will then take a look at where food comes from around the world.

Week 10 – We will be following a recipe inspired by our learning to cook a chilli con carne.

PE



Y2 have PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. This term we are looking at dance.

Reading



It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning.

Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, entered into the weekly prize draw.



Each child has a login for the Numbots app. This is a fun way for children to develop their number sense and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.

Homework

On Dojo, you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term. Children can also bring in their home learning to add to our Enquiry area in the classroom.

