

Year 2 – Term 1

Welcome back to a new school year!

The children have settled beautifully into their new routines and we are looking forward to a fun-packed autumn term with lots of exciting things planned.

English

During English this term we are reading and writing in the style of Traditional Tales. It's all about story-telling, both oral and written. We want to inspire the inner-author within your child so we will be focusing on using vibrant vocabulary and getting each sentence off to a good start with an awesome opener. So get out those story books and read them a tale tonight and let his or her imagination take flight!

Maths

This term, maths we will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction. We will be meeting old friends in the form of part-whole models and place value charts with an emphasis on how splitting numbers into tens and ones can help when adding or subtracting two-digit numbers.

Term 1 – Our topic is Land Ahoy

This term is all about boat - looking at boats, drawing boats, making boats that float out of different materials, crafting clay boats and comparing boats across the ages. We will be looking at people who sail boats – from pirates to the RNLI – and generally enjoying all things nautical. We are really excited about our up-coming trip to Chatham Dockyard on **Monday, 17th of September**, where your child will enjoy three fantastic workshops: making their own skipping rope, a ship building challenge and going aboard HMS Gannet. Please take the time to sign and return the permissions letter for the photos and video shoot as Chatham Dockyard would like to use our school to promote their educational visits.

Science – Uses of Everyday Materials

During this topic the children will be sorting and investigating a number of everyday materials.

PE

Children will have two sessions a week. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. We will be doing outside PE unless the weather is severe.

<u>Lands End</u>	<u>John O'Groats</u>
Thursday – outdoor - cricket	Tuesday – indoor - infant agility
Friday – indoor – infant agility	Thursday - outdoor – cricket

Forest Schools

We have three Forest Schools sessions in term 1. On these days, please send in appropriate old, outdoor clothing eg tracksuit, wellies or old trainers. The waterproof shoes are **essential** and we will use these for the golden mile on a daily basis.

- Friday 28th September
- Friday 5th October
- Friday 12th October

Homework

Home learning: a new topic list has been sent home in books. Please encourage your child to complete one piece a week. House points will be awarded for effort, presentation and interest.

Spellings: At the beginning of each term we will send home a list of common exception words that need to be learnt by May. We will be breaking these down into weekly groups for testing in class. Please practice them with your child at home to give them the best chance to be successful.

Reading at home: in Year 2 we expect children to read daily and record the pages in their reading record.

School Trips / Visits this year

Term 1 – Chatham Dockyard

Term 3 – Synagogue Visit – approximate cost £12

Term 4 – visit to a local garden, St John Jerusalem – approximate cost £1.50

Term 5 – Visit to a castle – details to be confirmed – approximate cost £15

We are looking forward to the year ahead and appreciate your support. Please contact us via the office or your child's contact book if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Mr Goodchild and Mrs O'Brien