

**Year 2  
Newsletter  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Welcome back to the Summer term of year 2. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed the much-needed sunshine! It has been lovely to hear about the wide variety of activities the children got up to during the holidays!

This term, as we hope the sunshine becomes a frequent visitor; please ensure your child has a named water bottle and sunhat in school every day.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term.

Miss O'Hare and Mrs Green

### Maths

This half term, we will continue to focus on number fluency and building the children's mental skills as we head towards our end of term assessments. The children have a secure understanding of the necessary written methods and will begin to use this knowledge to solve a variety of problems. Thursday maths sessions will continue to focus on developing mental maths skills and times tables to support children in their Superhero Times Table Challenge! Keep working on that speed recall!



### R.E.

This half term, we are going to be learning about Islam and thinking about the question 'Why do Muslims visit a Mosque?'

This half term our theme is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. This theme focuses heavily on history, geography and design technology but has links throughout the curriculum.

In our history and geography lessons we will be learning about the basic history of castles, including where and how they were built. We will also think about how the design structure of castles has left its mark on architecture of today by looking at famous towers, bridges and tunnels around the world.



Alongside this in science, we will be learning about different materials and combining our work in design technology to test out the suitability of materials. Within this learning we will look at the structure of bridges and learn about the well-known engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.



We are also very excited that we have been able to organise a **trip to Colchester Castle** on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May in order to support and further extend our learning for this topic. More information will follow in a detailed letter.

### English

This half term, we are going to be working on an exciting writing project with year 1 in which we will be splitting into three groups and basing our learning on the book 'Edward Built a Rocketship' by Michael Rack.

### YEAR 2 SATs

Year 2 children will complete their statutory tests during the week of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. These will be conducted in small groups and children will simply be encouraged to do their best and give 100% effort as always.

### Dates for the diary:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – some Year 2 children at cricket competition.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 trip to Colchester Castle

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – FOPS Ladies Night



### Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

**Reading planners** will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks.

If a child needs to **change their reading book**, their book and planner needs to be placed in the blue tray.

**Home learning** will be marked on a Friday and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the blue tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Friday**. **Times tables** challenge will take place **alternate weeks on a Thursday**.

Our **P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday**. Tuesday P.E. will usually be outside. Please ensure children have their P.E. kit in school every day.

### Music

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their singing focus last term and it was lovely that so many of you were able to watch their performance in our Easter Worship. We are excited to be continuing our project with Cambridgeshire Music service, this term with the recorder! Please remember that children will be encouraged to practise at home but must have their recorders in school on a Friday and need to take great care of them.

