



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 2 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Welcome back – I hope you've all enjoyed a fantastic Easter break with your families. This curriculum letter will provide some useful information about the summer term in Year 2. You can find out more detail about the specific areas of learning and curriculum content that the children will be studying this term on our school website (www.jys.org.uk) under the 'classes' tab.

This term's topics

Our first topic this half term is called 'Seeds Of Change', which will have a Science focus based on plants. Our second topic is 'It's A Bug's Life!', where we'll look at living things and their natural habitat, with a particular focus on minibeasts.

PE Kits

PE lessons will be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons this year, although it's useful to keep PE kits in school throughout the week in case of any ad-hoc sporting activities. We will aim to ensure PE kits are taken home at the end of each half term and would appreciate your help in getting these washed ready to be returned afterwards.

Reading

Regular reading is the single most impactful thing you can do to help your child's academic development. Each Friday, we'll help the children select a new book from the school reading scheme to take home. The book will be sent home in a plastic wallet, inside their bag, to protect it from water bottle spillages or from becoming accidentally bent or torn. Please enjoy reading and re-reading the book at home with your child several times in order to develop their fluency and understanding of the story. We'd appreciate you making a short comment in their purple 'reading comments' book as well, which is also kept in the plastic wallet and brought into school every day.

The school reading scheme books are closely linked to the phonics work we're doing in class, to ensure the books they're reading are well-pitched for their level of development. Please do feel free to complement this with other reading alongside this however - in fact, the wider the range of reading, the better. Exposure to a wide range of different stories, magazines, comics etc will help them to find their own areas of interest, and help to foster a love of reading alongside their increasing fluency.

Home learning

A home learning task will be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have already learnt at school. This will usually be set each Wednesday and due in again the following Monday. Additional copies of the home learning task, if required, are available in the classroom – your children can get these for themselves, or you can ask me for a copy if needed. Occasionally you may wish to add a comment if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will

also be given out and tested every Wednesday. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

Show & Tell

We'll have a short opportunity for 'Show & Tell' during Privilege Time on a Friday afternoon. Please avoid sending in things like toys which have fairly limited opportunity for worthwhile discussion. Photos or short videos from day trips, holidays or events they've participated in are often better, and allow the child to talk about an experience they've enjoyed with their classmates. These can be emailed to office@jys.org.uk and marked as Y2 Show & Tell.

Contact

We know how important it is to be in regular communication with you as parents, sharing information to ensure we can each support the children both at school and at home. I am available for short conversations before school and for longer conversations after school, and will aim to make myself visible and available outside the Year 2 classroom each day. Please feel free to say hello, or to ask any questions you may have! Should you need to get in contact via email, we ask that these are directed to office@jys.org.uk who will forward your message on.

Year 2 Diary Dates

- Tuesday 23rd April – Drama Visit – “Fairytale and Fables”
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Tuesday 7th May – School Photos
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term
- Monday 3rd June – Inset Day
- Saturday 15th June – JYS Friends' Summer Fair
- Friday 21st June – Sports Day
- Wednesday 3rd July – Transition Day
- Thursday 4th July – Summer Disco
- Monday 15th July – School Production: The Jungle Book
- Friday 19th July – Final day of the school year

Best wishes,

Mr. Vass
Year 2 Class Teacher