

Dates for your diary (further info to follow)

Wednesday 1st May – Wednesday 3rd July

Key Stage One Swimming

The month of May - Year 2 Secret Agent Training

Friday 3rd May - Arts and Crafts day with Mrs Thomas from NHPS (*children only*)

Tuesday 7th May - Life Education Centre Visiting TRPS (*children only*)

Friday 17th May – Year 2 sleepover at school

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June - Back to school and Healthy Eating Week

Thursday 6th June - Parents welcome from 2pm to come in and share a story or activity with their child.

Saturday 8th June - Brackley Carnival

W/C: Monday 10th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 11th June - Whole class photos

Wednesday 19th June - Year 2 Choir Rehearsal for Brackley Music Event (*Children only*)

Thursday 20th June - Year 2 Choir performance at Brackley Music Event (*Parents welcome*)

Thursday 27th June - Sports Day (*Parents welcome*)

Friday 28th June – Pirate Day!

Wednesday 3rd July - Year 2 and 3 Induction Meeting 6pm (*Parents only*)

Thursday 4th July - KS1 Woburn Safari Park Trip

Tuesday 9th July - Year 2 Induction – Play in the Park 3:30pm (*Parents and children*)

Wednesday 10th July - Year 3 Induction – Play in the Park 3:30pm (*Parents and children*)

Friday 19th July - Last day of the year!



Year One and Two Summer 2019

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a year. It is true that time really does fly when you are having fun. We are now in our final term in Year One and Year Two and we hope it will be the best one yet! We have got a lot of exciting things lined up.

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the amazing achievements and experiences that we shared with the class last half term. Our highlights were:

- Superhero Day! The children were incredibly engaged in this topic and the work they produced whilst in character was amazing.
- Ducklings - I am sure you were all as fond of the ducklings as we were. This learning experience was a huge success, we all enjoyed thinking about and learning how to look after the ducklings. We look forward to doing this again next year.
- The Think Tank - The visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham was a fabulous day out. The children learnt a lot about space and Science and were all really incredibly behaved.
- The Hawksmoor Learning Trust Multi-skills Competition – we had a great morning at Bracken Leas and really enjoyed competing in a team with our friends.

I look forward to another exciting and successful term with you.

Please remember that no problem is too small and I am always here to chat to and support you.

Best wishes, Miss Matthews

Preparing for Year Two and Year Three

The time has come where we are beginning to look forward to another school year! The children will need to continue to increase their independence when self-organising, both in the morning and at the end of the day. Please can we ask that you continue to support us with this and encourage the children to look after their own belongings. We will be carrying on with working to prepare the children for next year and as stated in the dates section we have got some formal transition activities planned for later in the year. The children will also spend time in the classroom, get to know the staff and take part in some year group specific lessons. We hope that the transition will be as smooth and as easy as possible.



Exciting Wedding News!

Over Easter Mrs Ridley got married!! She is now Mrs Wallace. It was a very happy day and we want to take this opportunity to wish her and her husband a very happy future together.

Parent Partnership: *please find below the key ways to share information with us.*

- **Drop off/Collection:** We are always available to talk to and collection and drop off can be a perfect time for this. Please let a member of the team know if you would like to share any key information with us.
- **Class Dojo:** Please note the Dojo Messaging system will no longer be monitored by staff. Concerns are best discussed in person or emailed to the school enquiries address. We always enjoy seeing what the children get up to so please continue to add to their Dojo Portfolios. We can then share these with the rest of the class.

Humanities

In Summer 1 we will be doing History and looking at changes within living memory. We will concentrate on how schools have changed throughout time and look at the differences between toys from our Grandparents time to the toys we have now.

In Summer 2 we will be concentrating on Geography. We will become pirates, make our own treasure maps, follow a compass to find the treasure and look at co-ordinates and maps. We may even have chance to do a treasure hunt around school!

PSHE/RE

During Summer 1, linking in with our work in Science, we will be looking at Healthy Eating and what our bodies need to stay healthy. We will also concentrate on our feelings and what we can do to support our own feelings.

In Summer 2 we will be learning about Judaism and will have a visit from a Jewish lady who will share her experience of the Jewish faith. The children will also have the chance to make their own Torah. Please can we ask that you begin to collect any Smarties tubes in preparation for this!

What will we learn?

English

In Summer 1 our English work will focus on Animals. We will be writing animal riddles as well as looking more in depth at a few animals and writing some descriptions about these. We will also produce a non-chronological report about an animal and hope to then collate these into a class fact book for us to read.

In Summer 2 we will be doing work on Pirates! We will be writing recipes for our pirate party food as well as writing a pirate party invitation! We will also look at the life of Anne Bonny and Blackbeard and write facts about these. We will then get to be a pirate for a day and write a diary about what pirate life is like!

Maths

We will be continuing with the Singapore Maths No Problem programme. They will have their own Maths journal to record their mathematical thinking. Year 1 will cover topics such as numbers to 100, time, money, capacity and simple fractions. Year 2 will cover topics such as fractions, money, shape and volume, as well as revising all we have learnt so far this year!

PE and Music

In PE this term Year 1 and 2 will be doing a mixture of both dance and athletics. They will be looking at dances based on the theme of Animals and Pirates. In their athletic lessons the children will begin to prepare for Sports Day.

In Music the children will be looking at the sounds that animals make and using the African drums to make animal music. They will also continue their Thursday singing assembly with Mrs Beale.

S1 Animals



S2 Pirates



Science

In Summer 1 we will be looking at our bodies and how they change as we grow. We will also look at the human skeleton. We then find out more about animals bodies and look at the life cycle of different animals. We will also learn about animals and their habitats.

In Summer 2 we will be doing some more in depth work on floating and sinking. We will be looking at waterproof and non-waterproof and having a table team competition to see who can build the best waterproof pirate ship with only specific resources!

Art/DT, Computing and Cookery

Art, Computing, DT and Cookery will be taught on a half termly basis.

In Art/DT this term we will be looking at making animal prints and making our own animals out of clay. During Computing we will be looking at how to build and programme our own animal robot using software. This term in Cookery we will be looking at making healthy snacks (fruit salad etc.) and having a go at making some healthy Pirate party food! Any further cooking monetary contributions should be sent to the office.