

Year 2 Dymchurch Term 5 Newsletter

We hope you had a fantastic Easter break, it's been lovely to hear all the exciting things the children got up to over the holidays!

With visits from creepy-crawlies, making bug houses and our class assembly, it's going to be another action-packed, fun term ahead. We cannot wait to see the brilliant learning taking place. Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Thomson

Maths 123

As part of our maths learning, we will be learning all about money. We will be recognising the symbols £ and p, combining amounts to make particular values and solving problems with money. Any exposure of coins you can give at home would be hugely appreciated as money is always a tough topic.

In topic maths, we will continue our work on measuring but this time we are looking at length. The children will choose and use appropriate units to estimate and measure length and height. They will then compare and order lengths using $<$ $>$ and $=$.

English!

In English, we will be using the text *Beetle in the Bathroom* by Brian Moss to write our own verses to fit into the poem. We will be using our own characters and adding them to the pattern of the poem. We will also be writing detailed fantasy character descriptions about the characters in the poem as well as non-chronological reports all about different bugs and beasties. What a busy term we have ahead of us!



Science

Our focus this term is all about life cycles which we have previously touched upon last term. The children will be comparing living things, dead things and never lived things (this included animals and plants). They will then explore where living things get their food from and how they grow and develop.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Keep Up with Times Table Rockstars! Let's all work towards being Rock Legends and Rock Heroes!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>


When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**.

www.kiddle.co/

This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.



Reminders:

- PE kits for PE lessons on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**; earrings should be removed.
- Record minutes read for **Buster's Book Club** each Wednesday on the bookmark and ask an adult to sign it.

- Daily reading record to be signed. Will you reach our termly target of 25 reads to be entered into our Reading Pond competition? We are also introducing a 'Reading Tadpoles' reward system in Year 2 to recognise those children trying hard to read at home. Will you be Reading Tadpoles each week by reading 3 times?
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.
- Please label your children's clothes clearly.

Bugs and Beasties

*In Creative Curriculum this term we will be exploring science and geography and answering the question, **do we all need the same things to live?** Every living creature goes through a life cycle. At each stage, their characteristics change and they develop in different ways. A caterpillar changes into a butterfly and humans learn new skills as they grow. Habitats enable creatures to be safe and have an environment to grow. A frog thrives in a cold, wet pond whereas humans flourish in the warm and dry. Eventually, the life of creatures come to an end. Is this the same for all living things? As great geographers we will then build on our fieldwork skills from last term to investigate the 'bugs and beasties' around us. We will use our map and learn simple compass and directional skills to help us navigate our way around the school grounds and beyond.*

In Geography this term will be continuing our fieldwork to find out about our local area. We will be looking at the different animals found in our local area and what they need to survive. We will also be using maps and compasses to develop our understanding of directions (North, East, South and West).

In RE, we will be exploring the question; *What does it mean to be Jewish in the UK today?*

The children will explore and learn about what items can be found in Jewish homes. We will discover why these objects are precious to the Jewish faith as well as exploring Hanukkah – the Jewish festival of light. How this is celebrated and why this is important to the Jewish faith.

In PSHE, we will be answering the question 'What makes a good friend?' We will be looking at how a good friend behaves and what we can do to be a good friend. We will also explore the feelings of loneliness, and what we can do if we are unhappy in a friendship.

In Computing, the children will be exploring algorithms. They will be using a programme to create 2 different algorithms and then exploring how to create algorithms to achieve a goal.

As always, we will be teaching the children during every lesson how to be safe and responsible online citizens.

In PE, the children will playing football. They will be exploring how to dribble the ball with control, accuracy and safely, to a space away from others. They will also begin to use simple dribbling skills and identify other activities which help to keep you healthy.

We are also lucky to have a cricket coach visiting the school this term. Year 2 lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please contact me via your child's contact book or our class email year2@stmartins.kent.sch.uk.

Mrs Thomson