

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School
Year 2

Summer Term 2017



Welcome to the summer term. Our topic this term is called 'Out and About'.

In May, children will be undertaking Key Stage 1 statutory assessments. There will be two reading comprehension tests, spelling, punctuation and grammar tests and two maths tests. In addition to these tests, teacher assessments will be used to inform teachers as to whether the children are working at the nationally expected level. The teachers will also assess and level the children's science knowledge and investigation skills. We try to be low-key about the tests and have found that the children actually enjoy doing them! You will receive your child's results with their report.

During this term, we will be working hard on our leavers' production. This year the children will be performing Treasure Island. Some of our English and topic work will be centred on the story of Treasure Island.

In the second part of the term the children will undertake activities to prepare them for transfer to St. Mary's Junior School. They will visit the school on Wednesday 5th July, when they will spend time with their next teacher in their new classroom. The Year 2 staff work closely with Year 3 staff to ensure a smooth transition for your child.

English

In reading, we will be working on extending the children's comprehension skills, in both fiction and non-fiction texts. In fictional texts, as well as teaching children how to retrieve simple information, we will be focusing on inferring why characters behave in the way that they do. In non-fiction texts, we will be focusing on scanning a text to look for specific pieces of information. In addition, we will be continuing our focus on helping children to become fluent readers. When reading at home, we would really like children to focus on their own reading target. To help you assist your child in this target, this term we will be introducing reading target bookmarks, which give ideas for how to help your child achieve their target. Children who did not pass the Year 1 phonics test last year will be tested again in June.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. When the children are confident on those times tables and the related division facts, children will begin the 4 times table. We will be measuring and weighing with standard measures, telling the time using analogue and digital clocks, and collecting, recording and interpreting data in a variety of tables and graphs. We will also be looking at directional and rotation problems using computers and the 'Turtle', 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will also be continuing to encourage the children to apply the mathematical knowledge that they have, to solve numerical problems.

Science

The children will be learning about the importance of exercise, eating the right amount of different types of food and hygiene. In addition, we will set the children a number of science investigations, to see if they can plan a 'fair' science investigation themselves, record their data and make observations.

Geography

This term the children will be making up their own imaginary seaside resort, where they will have to think about the best use of land and what attractions and services their resort will need. Our trip to Hunstanton will help children to design their own resort. In addition, we will be learning map skills this term, where we will be looking at lots of different maps and learning how to make our own simple maps with symbols and a key. We will also be learning about the four different parts of the UK – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Plus, we will be comparing Ely with a town in a different country, which will be in Mexico. The children will be making and sampling some Mexican cuisine as part of this unit of work.

Computer Studies

The children will be finding out about how technology is used outside of school.

Design and Technology

We will be looking at how different mechanisms work and looking at different books that have moving parts. The children will then make a book themselves that has moving parts.

Art

The children will be looking at seascapes by various famous artists and then following our visit to Hunstanton they will be painting their own seascape. In addition, we will be looking at the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who works with natural objects, and trying to create natural art on Hunstanton beach.

P.E.

This term the children will be doing athletics and will be working with our P.E. coaches, preparing for sports day. The children will need their outside P.E. kit; children without the correct footwear will not be allowed to participate for safety reasons. Weather permitting our sports day will take place on Monday 3rd July. Please remember to either remove earrings on PE days, or send in tape to cover them up.

Music

The children will select appropriate instruments and use them to accompany recorded music. We shall learn about mood music and sound effects. The children will be learning songs for the end of year production.

R.E

The children will be continuing to learn about the Sikh faith, and comparing different elements of that faith with the Christian faith.

P.S.H.E

In the first half of the term the children will learn about personal safety, including what to do if they get lost. They will create their own risk assessments for the visit to Hunstanton. They will then go on to a unit where they will learn about some of the dangers of different drugs, such as alcohol and cigarettes.

Thank you for your continued support with the children's reading, spellings and homework.