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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer term

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A warm welcome back to the summer term. This term is always a favourite of mine as the weather allows us to learn outside a lot more. As discussed with you all at parents' evening, this term the children complete the SATs. These will begin in the week of Monday 16th May. The children will complete two reading papers and two maths papers. We keep practising reading questions in school and it is great the support given at home, too. Arithmetic is practised every day except Wednesday. The children will bring home what they have been practising at the end of the day. If they return the completed sheet the following day, they will receive dojo points.

Currently, the children do paper-based TT Rockstars in a morning as soon as the children come in. Music is played for 10 minutes and the children answer as many times tables questions as possible. It is great fun and the children are enjoying it. **Breaking news:** Y2 have now been entered into TT Rockstars battles online against other year groups. Children should login using their Numbots password at the following: <https://ttrockstars.com/>



PSHE: Children will be continuing our topic on living in the wider world.

Literacy: The children's work in literacy will be based around the books *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and *Flat Stanley*.

Reading: Please remember how important it is to listen to your child read on a regular basis – your support with reading makes such a difference to all aspects of your child's curriculum work, to their confidence in class, and the rate at which they develop their reading skills. Your child will bring home books to read and discuss. It would be extremely helpful if you could hear your child read at least three times a week, and record this in their diary. Please make sure that the diaries and books are brought to school every day, so we can monitor reading and your child can also read in school. Your child will change their reading book at least once a week -allowing them to read a wide range of text types and develop their fluency. Phonics books will also be allocated online, so that your child can read their phonics book that they have practised in school one last time.

Accelerated reader: After phonics, children progress on to accelerated reader. They will read a book at home or in school, and then quiz it in school. We have a lot of books in our library that they will be able to choose from and quiz, but many of their home favourites are quizzable, too. Why not check out if books that you have enjoyed together are quizzable? – scan the QR card to find out which of your child's favourites they can quiz and earn themselves words to their account! <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>



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Numeracy: We will be learning about fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$), length and height using metres and centimetres, position and direction, mass using grams and kilograms, and learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes! Scan the QR code for my favourite online resource for learning to tell the time.



<https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock>

Science: In science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats; and plants. The children always enjoy growing different plants and seeing whose grows the tallest!

History/Geography: The children will study the topic of 'holidays now and then'. They will look at Saltburn in the 1950s and compare it with how it is today on a **school visit**.

RE: Children will learn about Buddhism and how Buddhists they show their beliefs.

The rearranged **Durham Cathedral trip** will explore the life of St Cuthbert, who is one of our northern saints.

PE: The children will have P.E twice a week. The days that P.E is done may vary, so please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day, including appropriate footwear, and all jewellery is removed before coming to school. **Currently** Mondays and Tuesdays are our day. We will be doing various athletics activities this term.

Music: We will do a lot of listening, singing and experimenting with sound this year. In the second half of the summer term, children will be learning to play the recorder.

If you have any queries about your child's learning in school or any other issue you wish to discuss, please leave a message in the office and I will contact you by phone.

Mr Logan, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Natrass, Mrs Diaz, Mrs Swindells and Miss Richardson

