



Year 2 Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2: Mon 1 June - Fri 17 July



Welcome back to the final half term in Year 2. This half term promises to be very exciting with our upcoming visit to Filey as well as lots of engaging learning opportunities. Miss Ahmed continues to work with us for the next four weeks in Year 2 and we are delighted to have her with us.

English: This half term's text is 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We will be using this text to support us in writing explanation texts as we will be explaining how to look after the world's oceans and seas. During our writing lessons, we will be continuing to embed all of our Year 2 grammar and punctuation in preparation for Year 3. Handwriting will continue to be a focus too, concentrating on letter formation and the size of the letters.



Maths: In Maths, we will move onto fractions and money. As always, we will be continuing with our basic skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these to reason and solve word-based problems.



Geography: This half term we will embark on our geography fieldwork topic about the seaside and coastal areas. We will look at the human and physical geographical features of Filey and will compare this to Tulum in Mexico. We will visit Filey on Thursday 2nd July (more information to follow shortly). During our visit we will follow a map to find the beach and will also conduct some fieldwork to find out why the general public visit Filey. All of the adults and children are very excited for our trip and we have our

fingers crossed for lovely weather!

RE: In our RE lessons this half term, we will be returning to our Judaism work that we completed in Autumn and digging deeper into the Jewish faith.

Science: The Science topic for this half term is 'What do plants need to grow?'. We will be completing a plant investigation to investigate what plants need to stay healthy. We will be monitoring our plants over this half term and will write up our findings of the investigation.



Just a reminder that PE days are Wednesday and Friday. The focus of PE for this half term is rounders and we will spend as much time as possible outside.

Reading: We have invested in some new books for Key Stage 1 including some stretch and challenge, and fluency books for Year 2. You will have noticed that the skills books are no longer coming home and these have been replaced by the Little Wandle books. If your child is reading a fluency book, the children will read this book six times in school before it comes home. If your child is reading a stretch and challenge book, they will read this three times before it comes home. Please ensure that these books are in school with your child everyday and that they are returned each week on a Friday.

We've also selected some additional high-quality books that link to our English unit to help stretch and inspire our writers, especially those working at Greater Depth. Parents who wish to support reading at home may find the following titles particularly beneficial:

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These are:

- **Somebody Swallowed Stanley** by Sarah Roberts. This book supports understanding of environmental issues and explanation writing.
- **Clean Up!** By Nathan Bryon. This book encourages persuasive and explanatory language about oceans.
- **The Ocean Book**. This is a strong non-fiction model for explanation texts.
- **Dear Greenpeace** by Simon James. This book introduces letter writing alongside environmental themes.
- **Greta and the Giants** by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico. This text builds awareness of global issues and supports explanation and discussion writing.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to me on the door.

Mrs Carr