



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 2 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

'Is the seaside better now or was it better in the Victorian times?'

Year 2 Team: Class teachers—*Miss Parker and Miss Eperon*

Class TAs - *Miss Groombridge and Mrs Hussain*

English

Our first English unit will be writing stories inspired by the world of Pirates and Castaways. These stories will be based around an adaptation of the book 'Come away from the water Shirley,' but we will also read many other pirate stories to support the development of our excitement and ideas. In Summer 2, writing characters descriptions using the fantastic books by Roald Dahl to support the generation of ideas will be our main task. There will be a particular focus on 'The Twits.' We are looking forward to exploring the language and humour in his stories and using this to inspire our writing.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be continuing to learn the times table and division facts for the 10, 5 and 2 times tables. We will expand on our partitioning skills, from partitioning a number into tens and ones, to partitioning numbers in different ways, for example, if you ask your child to 'explode' the number 23, how many different ways can they find to make the number? E.g. $20 + 3 = 23$, $10 + 13 = 23$, $10 + 10 + 10 + 3 = 23$ etc. We will be recapping multiplication and division skills using arrays and bar models to share. We will then go back to fractions before covering mass, Capacity and temperature. Finally, we will be introducing time to the children, and learning how to read it to 15 minute intervals.

History or Geography

This unit includes both historical and geographical learning. We will be comparing seaside locations to our local area and comparing seaside holidays today, to holidays in the past. This will give your child the opportunity to study how places and customs can change over time. We plan to build on the children's knowledge and understanding through a variety of learning experiences. This will involve lots of research, speaking and listening and role play.

Science

Our Summer term topic is Plants. In this unit, children will observe, measure and describe how bulbs and seeds grow. They will find out through investigation, what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy. This unit also gives children the opportunity to grow their own plants.



Music

In line with our Topic on Pirates, this term the children will be exploring, listening to and singing sea shanties.

PE

During outdoor PE, we will be focussing on games, using all the skills we have learned this year and athletics to get us ready for sports day! Our indoor lessons will focus on twisting and turning in Gymnastics in the first half term then Dance based on our topic learning.

Art

In art this term, we will be partaking in Take one Picture, organised by 'The National Gallery.' We will be learning about the painting 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' before creating a child led year group art piece inspired by the painting.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will be exploring how games work. The children will predict what will happen based on the algorithms and they will work out the rules in each other's games. They will then create a presentation using PowerPoint.

RE

In RE we will be discussing 'Right and Wrong' using a range of religious stories from a variety of religions in order to aid our understandings.

Design & Technology

This term the children will be making hand puppets. They will develop their sewing skills, before designing, making and evaluating their puppet.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

PE : Outdoor PE for both classes is on Friday, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Indoor PE is on Tuesdays. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

Mathletics: This will be set each week.

Big Cat books online and books from the Class library: We expect children to read 4-5 times a week.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks' Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

Important dates



Bank Holiday—2nd May

Parent meeting
Wednesday 4th May

Whole Class Photographs

Wednesday 18th May

Gordonbrock meet tbc

Half Term

INSET Day

Monday 30th May to
3rd June

Monday 6th June

Trip to Herne Bay
Wednesday 29th June

Sport Day 30th June

Parents evening tbc