



# 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—*Ms Dolan and Mrs Angyalova*

Class TAs - *Mrs Morsal 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, we will be writing character descriptions using books by Roald Dahl to support us to generate ideas for our writing. 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 multiplication 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 on multiplication and division skills using arrays and bar models to share, and count on in multiples of 10, 5 and 2 to help us solve division problems. 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.

## Geography and History

Our unit about the seaside 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, as well as athletics to get us ready for sports day! Our indoor lessons will focus on linking movements in gymnastics in the first half term then dance based on our topic learning about the seaside in the second half of the term.

### Art

This term, we will be embarking on a whole school art project based on The National Gallery's concept, 'Take One Picture'. We will respond to a shared theme using a medium of our choice and exhibit our final outcome at the end of the year.

### 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 others' games. They will then create a presentation

### 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

#### Half Term

Monday 29th May –  
Friday 2nd June

#### INSET Days

Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June

Friday 21st July

#### Trip to Herne Bay

Tuesday 27th June

#### Sports Day TBC

#### Open Morning

Tuesday 4th July

#### Parents' Evening

Thursday 6th July

#### End of Term

Thursday 20th July