

Emscote Infant School

Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 2019

Welcome back to the Summer Term which is flying by!
This mini newsletter gives you an overview of the learning for this term and a few other exciting things we will be doing.

Literacy and Topic

Our topic is 'Let's Imagine'. Thank you to those of you who embraced your Easter homework task, it was great to see and hear about some of your art-based visits. We will look at the work of different artists, discussing what we think of their work and investigating the mediums they use. We will also do lots of creative work experimenting with different techniques.

The other part of our topic focus this term will be music – learning the songs to 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!' which will be our Year 2 leaver's play. There will be lots of drama to act out the scenes and more art to make props and scenery! - Keep the 10th July free! Details to follow!

Maths

This term we have been having a big focus on reasoning and giving the children lots of opportunity to explore their knowledge of number, shape, time, handling data and measure. We are rehearsing their skills in doubling, halving, calculation, more/less than and partitioning. Word problems and missing number calculations are areas we continue to practice, too.



PE

Sycamore and Maple classes are both doing Multi-Sports with Premier Active on a Wednesday afternoon this Summer Term. Both classes will also have an additional PE session with Outdoor Games.
ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A LABELLED PE KIT IN SCHOOL – including shorts, t-shirt and pumps.



***Sports Day – 2nd July**

Science

Our Science this term will be looking at healthy eating and eating the right amounts of different foods, as well as the importance of exercise and keeping clean. We'll look at plants and animals in the local environment and find out what a food chain is. Finally, the children will become budding weather forecasters and look at how weather and the length of day changes across the four seasons.

Final term in Year 2

Now it is the final half term, we will be spending time practising our leavers' play, "Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!" When they bring their scripts home, please help your child to learn their lines and read them aloud, with their loudest voice!

We are planning a leavers' treat for the children when we will spend time together as a year group doing something really fun! Details will follow.



Reading

This term we will continue to look at different book types – fiction, non-fiction and poetry. During guided reading our focus will be: reading with expression and good pace; discussing vocabulary; answering questions including ‘Why do you think...?’; answering direct questions about the text; and making predictions. Please continue your hard work at home, listening to your child read. Please come and see us if you have any questions. We will continue to change reading books as soon as needed, if your child puts them to be changed. Please encourage them to do this first thing in the morning. It gives us the opportunity to change the book and update their reading record - thank you. **Children need reading books and diaries to be in school daily.** We aim to do group or guided reading once a week along with at least one individual read.

Book Fair week – 10th June



If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and see us. We have more time at the end of the day. Also, please let us know if anyone different is picking up your child.

Homework and Spellings

We send homework out on a Thursday. It would be great to see 100% return of homework books by the following Tuesday please so that they can be marked in time. If you have any questions about the home learning, please come in and talk to the class teacher as they would be more than happy to help.

Mathletics (www.mathletics.co.uk)

Please encourage your child to continue with their work on Mathletics at home. We do monitor this, in school and will set work based on what the children are currently learning in school.



Clothing for Hot Weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named sun hat every day. They are also welcome to bring in named sun cream if they are able to apply it themselves. Ideally you can put sun cream on them at the start of the day.



Toast – 20p per slice at morning break.

Children can bring in £1 to give to Mrs Robertson on a Monday for the whole week if that is easier.



Yr2 Cake sale
Thursday 13th
June

Water Bottles

Children have been encouraged all year to have their own re-usable water bottle in school each day filled with fresh water. They bring it home for a daily clean but now it is summer it is particularly important that bottles are returned daily so that the children can drink from them after play and lunch.

The Kids Marathon continues at lunchtimes.

Children who have participated enthusiastically all year will have a great day at the ‘Festival of Running’ on 25th June