

## Emscote Infant School

### Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 2022

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 'That's Incredible!'. We will look at four different 'Incredibles' – 'Incredible Buildings' where we learn about castles and are hoping to visit Warwick Castle. 'Incredible People' celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and learning about her life. 'Incredible Places' finding out about Bo in Sierra Leone, Africa and taking part in 'The Day of The African Child' celebration. 'Incredible Events' learning about the Common Wealth Games.

The other part of our topic focus this term will be music – learning the songs to 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' 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 **13th July** free! Details to follow!



#### Maths

This term we continue to work on using the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and helping the children to remember and use the strategies we teach to work out calculations accurately. We will also be working on reasoning and giving the children opportunities to explore their knowledge of number, shape, time, fractions, position and direction and handling data. Doubling, halving, more/less than, quick mental recall of multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and partitioning numbers are areas we continue to practice, too.



#### PE

Sycamore and Maple classes are both doing 'Team Games' with Mr Partridge from Warwick School on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Both classes will also have a mix of tennis or athletics lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon.

CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A SMART PE KIT AS THEIR UNIFORM ALL DAY ON **TUESDAY** AND **WEDNESDAY**.

**\*Sports Day – 12th July**



#### Science

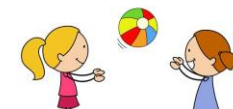
Our Science this term will continue to include planning and carrying out investigations to encourage the children to predict and think scientifically.

Our main topic focus will be on plants and living things - looking at the conditions plants need to grow and the stages of growth; food chains and what different animals eat; and lifecycles of both plants and animals.

#### Final term in Year 2

Now it is the final term, we will be spending time practising our leavers' play, "There's a Sunflower in my Supper". Some of the children will have speaking parts and will bring their words 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, as long as your child puts them in the tray 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.



**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](http://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 – £1.00 per week for a slice every playtime.**

It is MUCH EASIER to manage this correctly if money is paid in advance for the whole term or at least weekly.

**(£1 paid on a Monday)**

### 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 throughout the day.

**Being independent:** In preparation for junior school, we are encouraging the children to listen more carefully and take more responsibility for remembering things we do regularly (e.g. handing in homework and reading books, changing library books, paying toast money, remembering where they sit for different lessons, getting ready to start work quickly, going to the toilet at playtime and lunchtime, remembering their after-school clubs etc). Support with this independence would be very beneficial to the children. Thank you!