

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Summer 2019

*As-salamu alaykum (Peace Be Upon You)*

Welcome back from the Spring break. We hope you and your children are rejuvenated for the busy term ahead. As you know the Year 2 SATs are quickly approaching, and as we take time to reflect on how far the children have come in their learning, we must all work together to help prepare them for these tests in May. Please continue with your excellent support at home.

### SATs Important Information

In Year 2, everything we have done so far this year has gone towards helping the children showcase their learning. When the children complete their SATs tests, it will be to show how far they have come as learners.

To help prepare the children for the coming tests, here are some tips to help them at home:

- ⇒ make sure your child reads **every day** for 10 - 15 minutes and talks about what they have read, what they have enjoyed or disliked about the book and why.
- ⇒ practise key maths skills such as calculating change for money spent, telling analogue and digital times for am and pm as well as regrouping with column addition and col-

### Links for Maths and Reading SATs papers.

- ⇒ [http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=4#KS1\\_MATHS](http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=4#KS1_MATHS)
- ⇒ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-tests-2018-english-reading-test-modified-materials>
- ⇒ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-tests-2018->

### PE days

Class Name	Ibn Zayd	Ibn Abbas	Bint Abee Bakr
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday

Having a healthy body and healthy mind is important for all children as it helps towards having a great education. Hence, PE is an important part of a child's development. Being active helps to maintain a healthy weight, builds confidence and can improve concentration. Please ensure that your child has their FULL PE kit in school. This can be kept in school.

### Water



As the weather is now becoming warmer, children will need more water to stay cool. Please encourage your child to bring in his or her water bottle, which can be taken at the end of each day to clean and refill. Please ensure these are labelled with your child's name.

### Upcoming events

**May:** Year 2 SATs are to be taken within May. In addition to the workshop, we will send out letters with more information about dates and structure.

**June/ July:** To reward the children after the SATs, we have organised a range of trips, workshops and activities for them. Further details of these will follow.

# Here is an overview of the units this term.

	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Maths</b>	Time and Money Shapes and Scales Number Multiplication and Division Reasoning	Reasoning Maths Investigations Transition into Year 3 curriculum: Number and Place Value
<b>English</b>	Different Lands -Similar Stories Non - Chronological Reports	Significant Authors Poetry - Silly Stuff
<b>Science</b>	Growing Plants – The Apprentice Gardener	Growing Plants – The Apprentice Gardener
<b>History/ Geography</b>	<b>Geography</b> – The Seven Continents	<b>History</b> – Florence Nightingale
<b>ICT</b>	We are Detectives – Communi- cating	We are Researchers – Research- ing a topic
<b>RE</b>	Morals/Islam	All Religions –Special Books
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Elements of Art – Shape and Tex- ture	Elements of Art – Shape and Tex- ture
<b>Music</b>	Our Land & Seasons: Create, select and combine sounds	Animals & Ourselves: Singing and Performing
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics/Athletics	Group Games and Inventing Rules
<b>PSHE</b>	People Around Us	Growing Up

## Punctuality and Attendance

Attending school regularly is incredibly important and something we know that you as parents can fully appreciate, particularly in the run up to SATs. Thank you for your support so far this year. Making sure your child comes to school 98% - 100% of the time helps your child make excellent progress in their studies. Please continue your support for the last part of the academic year let us aim for 100% attendance and punctuality.



## **Homework**

We would like to say a big thank you for your support with the children's homework. The majority of it is completed and submitted regularly and on time. As a polite reminder, please ensure that your child presents their work neatly and in **pencil only**.

Also, the deadline for homework is every Wednesday but feel free to hand in work earlier if completed. We have also noticed that some children are selectively choosing which pieces of homework they complete and which pieces they do not. Whilst we understand that they may have extra activities to do outside of school time, the children must complete all of their homework as this is the expectation of the school and forms part of the home-school agreement.

Finally, on behalf of the Year 2 team, we would like to send our heart-felt thanks of appreciation to all of you. Your continued support with the children at home has helped them to blossom as learners and we appreciate that greatly.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team