



# Jay Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Summer Term! Jay class will be taking part in lots of exciting learning this half term, which you can read about on the reverse of this letter. It's also the time of year when Year 2 pupils will be taking their SATs assessments. As mentioned at the parent's meeting, we try to make sure the children aren't worried or stressed by this and encourage parents to discuss ways to relax with their children at this time. Please remember that these assessments are only a part of what makes up Year 2 and we look at all the work produced throughout the year.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Marsh

## P.E

Jay class will continue to have P.E on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

A reminder that P.E kit includes:

- black shorts/grey/black joggers
- a white/burgundy t-shirt
- black plimsols or trainers

No other colours/styles of clothes should be worn.

**No earrings** should be worn on P.E days so please ensure these are removed before school.

This term our P.E units will be *Throwing and Catching* and *Fitness Frenzy!*

## Homework

A reminder that homework is given out on a **Thursday** and is due back no later than the following **Tuesday**. Please ensure this is completed and returned on time each week.

Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Monday which will be tested on a **Friday**.

## Tuck

If you would like your child to have a snack from tuck each day, you must send tuck money in on **Monday** morning, in a named envelope.

For 1 item each day please send £1.50 or for 2 items each day send £3.

## Reading

Reading at home remains an important part of your child's learning. This term, we will be continuing with our 'Reading Star' tickets which are awarded to children who consistently read at home, can talk about and recommend their 100 book to others or are determined to improve their reading. Every two weeks, a winning ticket is selected for a special treat!

Please remember that all books must be kept in the plastic reading wallet provided when not used to ensure that they do not get unnecessarily damaged and can be enjoyed for years to come.

100 books must be kept in a good condition and must also be kept in their correct wallets to allow us to keep track of who has each book.

## Times Table Rockstars & Lexia

Please continue to encourage your child to use both of these learning tools at home to reinforce their learning at home.

Login details can be found at the back of your child's diary.

## English

In our English lessons, we will be reading two books with a common theme – the lifecycle of a butterfly. We will begin by reading the fiction book 'Tadpole's Promise' which tells the story of a tadpole and a caterpillar who promise to never change, but find they can't keep that promise. The second book we will read is a non-fiction book from National Geographic called 'Butterflies' which gives us lots of information about the life of a butterfly. We will also be welcoming our own caterpillars into the classroom and the children's writing focus will be a recount of how they develop into beautiful butterflies!

## Maths

Jay class have one week left of our fractions unit before we will move on to learning about statistics. In this unit, the children will create and interpret data using tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. Our final maths topic of the term will be time, where the children will learn to tell the time using five minute intervals, learn about hours and days and begin to calculate durations of time. The children will be consolidating their 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables throughout the term and we will be introducing the 8 times table too.

## R.E

Our RE question this term is 'What do Jewish people believe about God, creation, humanity, and the natural world?' We will explore how Jewish people express their ideas about God, talk about what happens at a Shabbat, retell the creation story and think of ways to help care for the Earth.

## Science

This term, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will ask the question 'how do animals grow and stay healthy?' The children will learn about the lifecycle of different animals and will even get the chance to watch our very own caterpillars grow into butterflies. Children will learn that animals need water, oxygen and food for survival and understand why exercise is important to keep humans healthy. We will also be looking at the types of food humans need and why it is important to have a balanced diet.

## D.T

Our DT learning will link to both our Science and PSHE topics and will involve designing and making a healthy fruit salad. We will learn where our food comes from and how it gets to our plates, how foods can be grouped into different categories and why it is important that we eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day.

## PSHE

Our PSHE learning this term will be the unit 'Healthy Me'. The children will learn about how to make healthy choices with their food, how to relax and the importance of spending time resting their minds as well as how medicines can be used safely.

## Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about how to make digital music, and the advantages and disadvantages of making music using a computer. We will then move on to making a stop motion animation, putting a background onto a frame and moving the characters to make them appear animated.

## Music

In music lessons, the children will focus on the song 'Friendship Song'. This is a song all about friendship which the children will learn to sing, as well as listening and appraising different songs along the theme of friendship.