

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Key Dates:

1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Bank Holiday
18 th May	LSO Trip
5 th June	Year 2 Class assembly
11 th July	Sports Day
15 th July	Summer Fair
17 th July	Parents' evening (optional)
21 st July @ 10am	Leavers' service in church

Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Tuesday** (Coach Johnny).
- Please wear your PE kit to school each Tuesday. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** Homework is set on Fridays and collected in the following Wednesday. Homework is set online using TT Rockstars and Spelling Frame.
- **Optional addition homework-** Humanities – what can you find out about Madagascar? How can you present your research? Art – Can you create your own piece of art using printing? Science – what habitats can you find outside the school? What things can you find there? Are they living, once lived or never lived? Maths – can you practise telling the time at home? Keep a time diary. What time do you get up? What time do you eat breakfast? Etc. Writing – can you create your own storybook? Reading – can you visit the library? What is your favourite book?
- Children's guided reading books will be changed every **Friday**. Library books will be changed on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record.
- **Reading records are checked daily and need to be in school every day.** They are also used to communicate with parents, so please do check for notes (and of course, feel free to respond).

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for after school.

Miss Alavandi, Year 2 Class Teacher

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'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



**Year 2
Summer Term Curriculum Letter**

Our science topic this term is:
Living things and their habitats



Our humanities topic this term is:
Madagascar



Humanities

Key Question

Are the UK and Madagascar similar?

In this unit, we are going to be using our prior knowledge of London and the United Kingdom to compare with another country: Madagascar. We will locate Madagascar in the world using continents, oceans and countries to describe its location and directional language to find the route between the two countries. We will investigate the features of the countries and find their similarities and differences, including patterns of their history as countries. We will make sure we can use a variety of maps and symbols to show our new locational knowledge and compare this to maps of the United Kingdom.

Art and DT

We will be learning about using printing as an art technique. We will look at the artist Althea McNish and create our own print in her style.

Music

Our units will be focused by a song called 'Friendship song' and the children will learn to listen to and appraise songs, learn to perform songs with instruments and finally, to compose and perform a song of their own.

PSHE

We will be learning that girls and boys can do and enjoy the same things and the biological differences between male and female. We will also be learning about the different kinds of families there are and how we can care for one another.

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Literacy

This term will be using the book 'Wild' as our core text and writing character descriptions, setting descriptions and a retell. We will write a non-fiction information report linked to our science topic of living things and their habitats. We will then be using the book 'Diary of a killer cat' to write diary entries and letters.

RE

We will be learning about Islam and how the five pillars help Muslims show their commitment to Allah. We will also learn about what it means to make a commitment and think how might a Muslim show their commitment to their faith. We will also begin to express our ideas and opinions and recognise that there could be more than one answer. We will begin to make links with what is important to us and other people with the way they think and behave.

PE

This term Year 2 will be working with Coach Johnny, who will be developing different aspects of gymnastics and games – inventing and creating.

Science

Key Question

Why are habitats important to animals?

In this unit we will be exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will also be identifying why different animals are suited to their habitats. We will learn how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain.

Maths

This term will be learning about fractions, identifying and using halves, quarters and thirds. You can support your child at home by identifying fractions in the environment, e.g. quarter slice of cake, halving a strip of paper, etc.

We will also learn how to tell the time. We will be revising o'clock, half past and quarter times. We will then focus on 5 minute intervals. You can support your child at home by practising telling the time!

Computing

We will be learning how to use digital devices to take photos. We will learn how to take a variety of different photos, edit our photos and present our photos to others. We will also continue to learn about digital safety and how we can keep safe online.