

Parental Involvement

This year we are continuing to engage parents and carers within our school. We will begin with a transition meeting for all year 2 parents on **Friday 14th September at 2:30pm** where we will discuss routines and expectations in year 2. Please keep your eyes peeled for parental engagement events throughout the year.

Important Information

PE

Both classes (Beech and Cherry) will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please make sure your child has the correct, PE kit, including trainers which will stay in school all term. **This should be labelled with your child's name.**

In Term 1, children will be practising and participating in multi-skill activities and invasion games.

Beginning and end of day

The gate opens at 8:30 and children can enter the year 2 entrance from this time.

There will be at least one year 2 teacher at the door at this time.

At the end of the day, the children will be brought out by their teacher on to the top playground. They will be stood in their class lines and dismissed when a parent or named guardian is present. Please allow the teacher time to dismiss one child at a time to ensure that children are collected by the correct adult. In the event of wet weather, the children will be dismissed from the sunset room.

Home Learning

Reading

We would like to say a big well done to all the children who have read over the summer holidays and completed the library and/or school summer reading challenge. When recording in your home school link book remember to record a sentence that tells us your favourite part of the story, what you did or didn't enjoy or what you think might happen next!

Please make sure your child is reading at least 5 times a week.

Spellings

The children will continue to receive spellings every week on a Friday. These should be returned on a Wednesday.

Maths Challenge

Each week children are provided with a Maths challenge which is linked to fluency in number facts. Please make sure you are completing these with your child as this will support their learning in class and your child will receive dojos for completed work.

Home learning overview

A home learning overview will be sent out soon. Please work with your child throughout Terms 1 and 2 to complete **one** of the home learning projects. We are focusing on children being able to verbalize their learning so please ask your child to practice at home by explaining to you what their project is about. The home learning celebration will be at the end of Term 2. The home learning project will be presented week beginning **Monday 17th December 2018.**

YEAR 2

Term 1 2018

Where in the world?

Are all continents the same?



Geography



In Geography, children will be learning to name the seven continents and five oceans of the world. Over the term children will explore each continent in depth. Children will learn about human and physical features of each continent. Children will also be learning how to use a simple map.

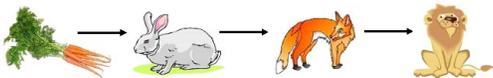
Learning at home:

Ask your child:

- Can you name the seven continents?
- Can you name the five oceans?
- Can you find the continents and oceans on a map?
- Which countries do you know? Which continents are they in?

Science

This term children will be learning about living things, their habitats and simple food chains.



We will be using the school environment to observe different habitats and micro habitats within these. Children will be answering scientific questions such as, 'Where is the most popular place for animals to live within our school?'

Art

This term we will be learning to draw lines, make marks and use tone, shape and texture.



Computing

There will be a strong emphasis on staying safe online throughout the year. This Term, the children will also be creating images using 2paint.

Music

We will be learning a song called Hands Feet Heart as well as songs linked to our Geography topic. Why not ask your child to sing these to you at home?

PSHE

We will start by setting class rules and talking about expectations. Then, the focus will be on feelings; what are they, what they mean and how we can express them.

RE

The focus this term is The Christian Creation Story and the children will learn about some religious beliefs and retell the story.



English

Children will continue to have regular Phonics teaching in differentiated groups. They will also have separate English teaching around our key text, 'Those magnificent sheep in their flying machines' by Peter Bently. They will learn how to write recounts, in the form of postcards, and instructions.

In Year 2, the children will develop their handwriting and learn to join letters. Please encourage your child to practice at home to help them earn their prestigious Year 2 Handwriting Hero badge.

Maths



At Sandown School, we continue to use the Mastery approach to teaching Maths.

This term, children will be developing their place value knowledge to 100, counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. They will deepen their knowledge of greater than and less than and really understand the value of numbers. They will also learn how to add and subtract numbers within 100 in a variety of ways, always thinking about the most efficient ways. Children will be using lots of resources to help them see what numbers look like and support them to explain their mathematical thinking. The children will develop their fluency through normal Maths lessons as well as during our fluency fact lessons.