

2016 Summer Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back, we trust you had a lovely Easter break with lots of fun and chocolate! We are looking forward to another exciting term with so much to look forward to.

Summer Term

Wow! We can't believe it's the summer term already and what a lot of fun we have had this year with some fabulous topics. For summer term the topic is 'Tell Me a Story' and will focus on famous authors and favourite stories.



2016 marks the 150 years since Beatrix Potter was born so these lovely stories will feature. 2016 also marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl so the topic seemed an appropriate way to celebrate some much loved famous children's authors.



"The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives."

New Topic Coverage

English	<p>Charlie Cook's Favourite Book Autobiographies about different authors Story sequencing Book reviews Story writing Wanted posters Who am I riddles The story of Peter Rabbit Research about Beatrix Potter Research about Roald Dahl</p>
Maths	<p>Word problems involving characters Weighing including vegetables from Mr McGregor's garden Mental arithmetic Reasoning Timetables 2x 5x 10x 3x 4 x 6x</p>

Science	Animal habitats/homes: Hedgehogs, rabbits, mice Matching different animals to the habitats they are found in Nocturnal animals Senses using vegetables Weather changes (creating a fair test to measure rainfall across a fixed period of time) Growing plants Mr McGregor's Garden (identifying different materials, their properties and their uses)
History	Life of various authors Julia Donaldson biography Children's Laureate
Geography	Features of Lake District Mapping Mr McGregor's garden Countryside Code Woodland Trust
Art/DT	Watercolours of Beatrix Potter characters Chelsea Flower Show (Mr McGregor's garden) Miniature Gardens (Plan and design in sketch books, then create) Rabbit sculptures
PE	Dance Acting out different animals Games Athletics
ICT/Computing	B Bot programming robot Taking and printing photos from a camera Graphing on iPads Class email using @ key Finding and printing off research from web Creating a slideshow
PSHE	Rights and responsibilities , Taking care of the environment , E Safety:Think You Know, British Values: Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs
RE	Jesus the Story Teller
Music	Music Express: Seasons, Water, Weather

Thank You

A big thank you to all who attended the Family Assembly, we hope you enjoyed the afternoon, we know the children loved seeing you.

Also thank you for all the effort you put into the children's costumes for World Book Day. It was a lovely day and the children enjoyed the book related activities in their lessons.

National Tests

This term is when the Year 2 children will take part in national tests for English and Maths alongside all other Year 2 children in the country. The children will be unaware when their actual tests will be taking place as we will make it as much a part of their normal school learning as possible, the children are also already familiar with taking similar assessments throughout the school year. At Lower Park we are proud of our children's excellent attendance and ask that this continues throughout the summer term so the children don't miss any important assessment dates. We also appreciate all the support you give your children and the school by completing the set homework in English, Maths and Phonics. Often parents ask if there is anything they can do to prepare their children for the tests, we simply ask that you continue doing what you are doing, and there is no need for special preparation for the tests in Key Stage 1.

The Usual Reminders

Homework

Homework books will come home on **Friday**; homework will be set on **Friday** and is to be returned by **Wednesday**. We are grateful for your support in helping your children complete their homework.

PE Kits

PE days:

Mrs Ripper /Mrs Cunha – Thursday
and Friday

Mrs Hughes/Mrs O' Hara – Tuesday
and Wednesday



Water Bottles

Please send in a water bottle each day for your child to have access to during lessons. These should be **taken home each day** and fresh water sent in.



Reading Records

Thank you for the support you show with regards to commenting in your child's reading record. **Please aim to read with your child for 15 minutes every night and comment in their record book.**

Library Books

Please remember to return the book to school after reading as we have a number of outstanding library books that need to be returned.



Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team

This letter is available on our website at:

www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk – Essential Information – Curriculum.