



## Westminster Summer 2 Newsletter

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the start of a brand new term and it's going to be a busy one! We have lots of exciting things to look forward to such as our trip, sports day and the end of year performance. Please take note of the diary dates at the end of this letter as there is lots going on!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 2 children for how well they performed in their SATs tests last term. Every single child made myself and Mrs Kemp incredibly proud. They were all calm, focused and tried their absolute best. Thank you for your continued support at home and you should also be very proud of what they have achieved this year.

We still have one more term to go and this time our topic is called **Beachcombers**. Throughout the term, we will be exploring many different stories with a beach and sea theme and using these to produce lots of fabulous writing. In other areas of the curriculum, we will be identifying coastal features and local seaside resorts, designing sea creatures, exploring living things and their habitats, plus much more. Please find our curriculum map attached, along with the 'Top Ten Terms of the Term' to find out more about this term's topic and what your child will be learning. We love exploring lots of different texts based around our topic each term and this really helps to hook the children. If any of you have any books, fiction or non-fiction, that you wouldn't mind kindly donating for the term for the children to read, please send them in and they will be returned at the end of the year.

### Updates

#### P.E

P.E this term is athletics and as the children prepare for sports day, P.E will take place mostly outdoors. Please ensure your child's kit is appropriate for this; footwear, such as trainers, will be required and warm clothes for those chilly days. P.E. will continue to take place on a **Monday** with Miss McHamilton. **Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school and it is named!**

#### Reading

Many of the children are now beginning to read books that are much longer and more challenging. Books will continue to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, however, please do not feel that your child has to have read their whole book in two days! We would rather the children read a bit each evening and fully understand what they have read with some questions from yourself than race through a book and not know what has happened. Please continue to send your child's reading book and 'Home School Record' into school every day so that we can add Dojo points. Additionally, please ensure the Home School Record is signed when your child has completed their book.

#### Homework

Just a reminder that homework is given out every **Friday** and is expected back in school on the following **Thursday**. I will continue to run a homework club every Wednesday lunchtime for those children who cannot complete it at home **with good reason**.

The children are improving enormously with their times tables so we will continue to have a times table challenge every **Friday**. Times tables are very easy to practice at home so please take the opportunity to do so with your child whenever you can.

### **Topic Homework**

We will be having one final topic homework challenge this term! To fit with our topic **Beachcombers**, I would like the children to create a shoebox scene. This could be of the beach or an underwater scene, or both! Please see pictures below for some ideas:



### **Performance**

It is coming to the end of the year and it is almost time for the Year 2 children to shine in the end of year performance. This year we have chosen a play called '**Pirates vs. Mermaids**'! The children have been practising the songs and some of their lines this week. You will receive a separate letter regarding tickets and costumes shortly.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Westminster and Crowland trip to Skegness beach.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Swineshead's Got Talent.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Sports Day.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Westminster and Crowland Class Assembly.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – KS1 Performance 9.30am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – KS1 Performance 5.00pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – KS1 Performance 1.30pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – All Change Day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Knighton