

Year 2 Newsletter No. 5

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Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back after the Easter Break and let's hope for a good summer term!

Times Tables

There is a greater emphasis now on children really knowing their times tables by heart.

The aim for year 2 children is to know their 2x, 5x and 10x table by heart in any order and the division bonds which go with them. This is now a key aim for the end of year 2. Any counting in 2s, 5s and 10s will help them as well as preparing for their multiplication challenge each Monday.

Any child who masters these will be moved on to other times tables and those who find them challenging will be given support in school.

SATs

As you will probably know, during this term all Year 2 children have to be assessed in reading, writing and maths. Whilst there are some tests taken formally these will be used to underpin teacher assessment which has been ongoing throughout the year. We aim to carry out the tests in a non pressurised way whilst encouraging the children to do their best. These assessments will be done during the month of May and if children are absent on the day of the test they will have to take it on return.

Topic

This half term's topics will be Materials and Cornwall. Our story this half term is Thomas and the Tinnars. The children will be looking at the origins, properties and uses of a range of materials and we are off on our trip to The Geevor Tin mines which has been a favourite in recent years. Please send in the money whenever possible. ☺

Help

Jumpers Usually (!) at this time of year the children get hot and understandably remove their jumpers. Please make sure that they are labelled so that there is a better chance of them being returned if misplaced. Writing on the inside of the jumper with a permanent marker works well. ☺

Water bottles and sun hats can be labelled similarly.

Reading Challenge

Please remember that the Reading Challenge is still a focus in class. Listening to your child read and talking about the story/book is one of the most valuable ways to help your child and only needs to take 5 or 10 minutes. Please continue to support them as it really makes a difference.