



Mount Pleasant Primary School

Year 2 Half-Termly Newsletter

April-May

2018

Our News

The last half term has zoomed by and we are so pleased that the children have been so hardworking and engaged in their learning. They really enjoyed science week and carried out some amazing experiments!

The next half term is quite short and during the month of May we will be administering the Year 2 SAT's so we would be really grateful if you could keep the children fit and well and in school every day. We do not tell the children that they are doing this as we make it a normal part of our school day and we would appreciate it if you could keep it low-key as well.

Our Year 2 curriculum is on our website for you to be able to see what we will be learning but some of the highlights will be: learning about plants and growing things; miracles in bible stories in RE; continuing to make maps in geography and linking them to our local area; continuing to learn about our locality in history; colour mixing and textures in art and creating pneumatic objects in DT. We would love it if the children could find out about what 'pneumatics' means and identify toys and things in life that use pneumatics to work.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

During this half term, we are continuing to look closely at the following aspects of reading this term:

Summarising – ask your child to tell you the main points of a story in three clear sentences – it’s quite a challenge!

Vocabulary – always check new words in books and show your child how to use a dictionary to find the definition or meaning of them – you will be surprised how many words the children have an idea of but do not know the true meaning of. We looked at the word “enemies” and none of the children could define the true meaning of it!

Retrieval and recall – looking back to find obvious answers in the text;

Inference – using what they have read and what they know from life to answer questions that are not so obvious in the text and

Sequencing – being able to order events in texts accurately. Please continue to use the questions we gave you at parents evening to help.

Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

Writing

Thank you for your help in improving your child’s handwriting – many of them have made great progress this term! Please keep it up!

We are going to work upon writing linked to our class book “George’s Marvellous Medicine” and other Roald Dahl books too. We will be writing instructions to make our own magical medicine; writing marvellous shape poems (calligrams); writing non-fiction reports about Roald Dahl and describing characters.

Within their writing, the children will be encouraged to use challenging vocabulary, varied openers and using commas in lists, exclamation marks and question marks.

Spelling Challenges:
Remember to look at the spellings that your child needs to work on to improve.

We will carry out two challenges during this half term.

Maths

Focus: This half term we will be moving onto using the column method to add and subtract (please see the examples below- **no exchange** as this method will be taught in school). You can practise these methods at home when solving calculations or word problems. We will also be revising the methods involved in solving multiplication and division problems so don’t forget to keep on practising counting in multiples of 2,3,5,and 10 as multiplication facts e.g 2x3=6 so 6÷2=3etc.

Addition		Subtraction	
Tens	Ones	Tens	Ones
4	3	6	8
2	1	4	1
6	4	2	7

We will also be focusing on measures
Measuring and weighing ingredients at home would help your child understand the concept of mass (weight g/kg) and capacity (measuring liquid ml/l). Also get them measuring length (cm/mm/m) with a tape measure or ruler. In Year 2 the children are also required to tell the time to five minutes so it would be a good idea for your child to wear a watch to reinforce this concept.

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Believe it, Achieve it!

Let's Celebrate!

Class Stars of the Week:

Grace and William

Writing Star:

Anais and Caleb

Reading Star:

Caleb and Jacob

Maths Star:

Corey and Hafsa

Super Maths Challenger:

Ryley and Max

Handwriting Star:

Amira and Adasyn

Sports Star:

Ethan and Finley

Spelling Challenges:

Special mention to **Ellisia** who has completed all of the Year 2 spelling challenges!

These children have improved their score: Ellisia, Jacob, Hafsa, Ben, Lauren, Adasyn, Shawrii-Leigh, Zach P, Hayden, Amira, Chloe, Max, Leo, Tyler, Harry, Zach W, Ruby, Ethan, Noah, Alex E, Freddie, Finley, Jayden J, Isabel, Olivia, Casey, Lucas, Ian, Kiera, Molly-Grace, Renae, Lilly E, Caleb, Lilly C, Lilly-Rose, Lola, Michelle, Georgia, William, Bradley.

Maths Challenges:

Special mention to Ellisia, Max, Leo and Hafsa who have completed all of the Year 2 maths challenges
These children have improved their score: Amira, Georgia, Anias, Caleb, Ellisia, Chloe, William, Bradley, Ryley, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Lilly C, Lilly E, Jacob, Olivia, Matilda, Jayden J, Ethan, Lauren, Michelle, Kiera, Lilly-Rose, Isabel, Molly, Oliver P, Renae, Harry, Shawrii, Finley, Lola, Casey, Freddie, Tyler, Ian, Corey, Zach W, Ben and Hafsa.

Pupil of the Month Adasyn

Kindness Award Leo

Outstanding Learner

In order for children to be an outstanding learner they must adhere to all of the criteria:

- always be ready to learn
- always complete home learning tasks (reading, spellings and maths challenges)
- show pride in their work and appearance
- collaborate well and help others
- demonstrate independence using '3 before me'
- demonstrate a positive attitude to all learning
- be a good role model and inspire others

These children have achieved the outstanding learner award:

Amira, Georgia, Anais, Caleb, Ellisia, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Lilly C, Jacob, Jayden J, Michelle, Isabel, Oliver P, Renae, Shawrii, Finley, Freddie, Tyler, Ian, Corey, Zach W, Ben and Hafsa.

We had a fabulous time on World Book Day!



Dates for diary:

Monday 16th April - School Opens

Thursday 19th April - Year 2 Reading/Music Workshop

Thursday 3 May - Voting Day - School closed

Monday 7 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 24 May - Inset Day - School closed

Friday 25 May - Inset Day - School closed

Glass Cone - Visit date to be arranged

28 May to 1 June - Half Term

April - May Birthdays

A very happy 7th birthday to:



Ellisia
Shawrii
Noah
Rena
Freddie
William
Hayden
Alexander M
Finley
Olivia
Jayden S

Easter Artists

Well done to Oliver P and Georgia for winning the Easter colouring competition!

