

Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2025



Our year is speeding away so quickly! Your children continue to be a joy to teach, and they show such an eagerness to learn and do well! Thank you for your continued support in all we do, we really do have the most amazing team around us! We are going to make the most of our time together and have so much still to learn!



In **English** this term we will be reading the 'Lost and Found' and book about the friendship between a boy and a penguin, by Oliver Jeffers. We will be using the text and the animation to inspire our writing. We will be writing a descriptive narrative, a letter and a re-telling. In addition, we will be researching penguins and will be creating our own non-chronological reports and publishing them for display.

Linking to our theme of the seaside, in **Art** we will be learning about the artwork of Cornish artist John Dyer and will be painting in his style.

Our **Geography** work will link to this as we compare Milton Keynes to Cornwall in land use and will be learning about the different natural and man-made features.

In **RE**, we will continue to learn about the Christian faith. We will learn more about Christian stories such as Noah and The Ark and the Christian story of Creation.

In **computing** we will be using Purple Mash to create spreadsheets. In **music**, we will continue to explore pitch and rhythm with Mrs Horwood in music each week.

In Science, we will be learning about food chains and animal habitat. Our enrichment trip to Waddesdon Manor will be a springboard for this learning. On this day we will be 'Garden Explorers'. We will be looking at micro habitats and learning more about lifecycles.

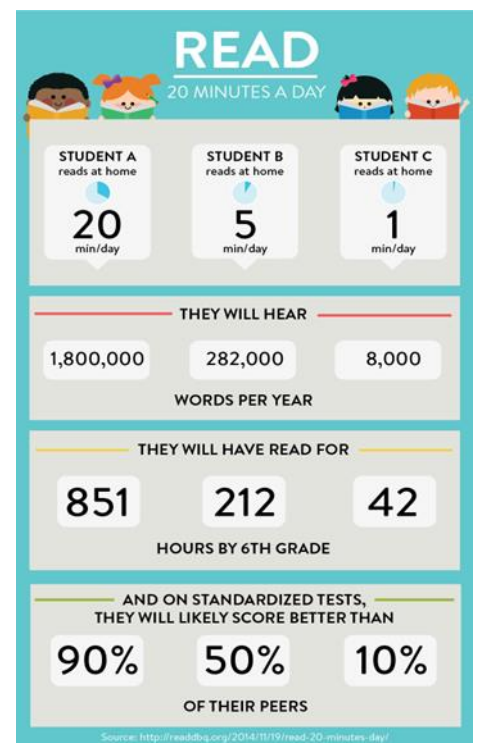
In PSHE/Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about change and how we change as we grow and how we manage change in our lives, for example moving on to Year 3.



We still have a lot of learning left to do this term before the end of year!

You can help your child in the following ways:

1. Read with your child for 10 minutes every day and ask a range of questions. Please record your comments in the small red book. This is so important for all areas of learning. When children can read fluently, it enhances every other area of learning.
2. Make sure that your child can read and spell the words posted on Google Classroom. Please check these if you have not already.
3. Mymaths homework is set weekly – please check all work has been completed and if there are low scores, the children can do the activities as many times as needed. This will build upon work done in class.
Topmarks website and play 'Hit the Button'. There is also an app that you can download onto a tablet/iPad. These will help with number fluency and speed. We focus on x2, x5 and x10 times tables in the first instance.
We also use TT Rockstars to support the learning of the multiplication times tables.
4. Use everyday Maths opportunities to tell the time/ count money/weigh and read scales.





Warm Weather

As the weather is warming up, could we please ask that your child continues to bring a named water bottle to school each day. In addition, on very hot days, could you please apply sunscreen to your child before school and it is advisable for them to bring a hat for extra protection.



Physical Education

PE and Games lessons will continue to occur outside this half term. Please make sure that your child wears PE kit on their PE days.

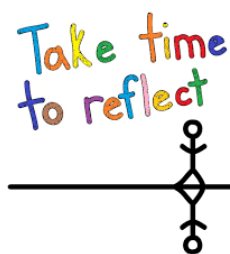
Please see the Priory Rise school uniform policy on the school website if you are unsure.

Children attending after school clubs on days which are non-PE days will need to bring their PE kit to school to get changed.



June : Belonging

July Reflection



Key Dates For Your Diary!

Thursday 5th June : Garden Explorers! Y2 day visit to Waddesdon Manor
Wednesday 11th June: Love of Languages Day

Thursday / Friday 12th and 13th June : Father's Day breakfast

Monday 30th June : Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (AM)

Friday 4th July : P FEST

Wednesday 9th July: Year 2 Showcase 9-9.30 am

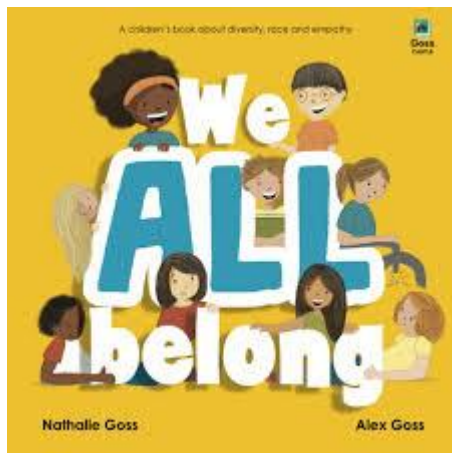
Thursday 10th July: Year 2 Showcase 9-9.30 am

Wednesday 16th July: Open Evening 4.30-6pm

Tuesday 22nd July: End of Year



Books that you might like to read :



'We all Belong' is a beautifully written and illustrated children's picture book that recognises and celebrates the diversity in a caring group of children.

- A wonderfully flowing, rhyming poem about respect... whatever our culture, whatever the colour of our skin.
- If you like 'All the ways to be smart', you will treasure this.
- A stunning poem about inclusion, with excellent representation of different cultures.

By recognising differences between cultures and races, and appreciating that everyone is beautiful, children can grow up with empathy - appreciating others around them. 'We all Belong' gives young readers a safe space to see themselves and others through a diverse group of characters. The book includes an activity at the end, to help children appreciate how we are all similar in some ways and different in other ways too.

A book about belonging and how to make friends.

