

### Term 5

#### Year 2 National Assessments

These take place during May. Please avoid absences during this time.

#### Year 2 Trip

#### Kew Gardens

Tuesday 21st May  
2019

If you are able to volunteer to accompany us on the day, please let Miss Chu know at reception.

Welcome back to school Year 2! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for lots of learning in our Summer term.

#### English

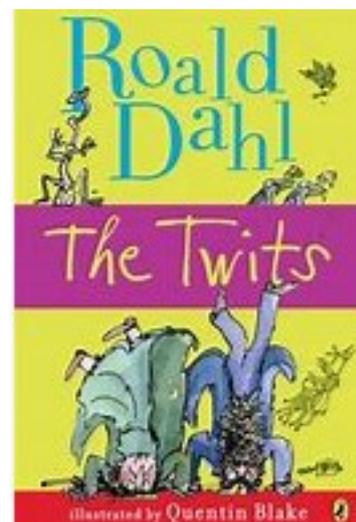
Reading: We will be continuing guided reading sessions this term. These small reading groups ensure that all children read with a teacher, at least once a week and are able to answer comprehension questions based on what they have read.

At home, please continue to read with your child every night, asking them questions about their book! You can also access free e-books with questions on Oxford Owl Reading Tree by creating a log in. This is really helping their learning—thank you.

Handwriting: All children must be using cursive handwriting. It is essential for you to support and encourage your children to practise this, using letters of an appropriate size. This is part of end of Year 2 expectations for assessment.

Spelling: This term, we will be testing spelling lists set for homework every Wednesday in class. Please continue to practise the weekly spelling rule as well as Year 2 common exception words.

Writing: This term, Year 2 will explore non fiction writing, making cross curricular links by writing a recount writing alongside planning and conducting a science investigation into plant growth. After this unit, we will begin exploring a range of fictional texts by Roald Dahl, starting with The Twits. At home, please continue to read a range of texts and encourage your child to make links between the texts they are reading.



#### Art

This term in the Art studio, the year 2 children will be making their own illuminated letters. They will decorate their letters with ornate detail, looking at examples from the Book of Kells, 384AD and the Book of hours, 1400, for inspiration.

Key Words: Illuminated manuscript, Foliage, decorated, Scribe, Margin



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#### REMINDERS

##### Homework

Homework (both Maths and English homework) will be given out on a Friday and should be handed in on a Tuesday, every week. Once a month, there will be Maths with Parents task set online. Please complete all the activities and leave a comment to let us know of your child's progress with the task.

##### Reading Folders

Manchester reading folders must be returned on a **Tuesday**

Liverpool reading folders must be returned on a **Friday**

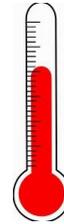
##### PE Kit

This needs to be in on a Monday for lessons.

#### Maths:

This term in maths we will be revising key skills and strategies taught across the year so far in preparation for the Key stage 1 assessments. We will also be looking at capacity, temperature and mass.

Key words: temperature, thermometer, degrees Celsius, litres, millilitres, compare, grams, kilograms, weigh, measure, investigate, scales, mass



**Please continue to practise number strategies such as counting on and back in ones, tens and using this knowledge to solve mental calculations. Also please continue to practise Learn Its with your child.**

#### Geography

In Geography we will be continuing with our topic on countries, cities towns and villages focusing now on towns and our local geography. We will be comparing the different features of towns and villages including key locations and landmarks within the UK.

Key words: the United Kingdom, city, capital city, town, village, London, address, features

#### History

This term, Year 2 will be continue on the Roman Empire, covering Julius Caesar and Egypt, including the story of Cleopatra, the death of Caesar, the battle of Actium, and the eventual success of the Emperor Octavian.

Key words: et tu brute, royal taster, aqueducts, assassins, omen, betrayal, Ptolemy, roman numerals, grief

#### Science

This term children will explore plant growth, the different parts and functions of plants. They will also be planning and conducting an investigation, making scientific observations and exploring seed dispersal and pollination. We will explore plant growth further on our trip this term to Kew Gardens.



Key words: germination, dispersal, growth, stem, root, shoot, bulb, seed, flower, conditions, prediction, investigate, observe

#### PE

**This term Year 2 will be doing Athletics and Astro in PE. With Ms Hodge and Mr Humphreys.**

**Keywords:** Relay, sprint, javelin, Long-jump, power, speed, endurance