



Welcome back! We are so glad to be back and Year 2 are absolutely swimming through the Summer term. This term, our topic is **Changing Times**, our last topic of Year 2! We begin with History, exploring castles and their inhabitants, as well as structure and different types of castles.

The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will begin to beginning our topic on non-chronological reports, firstly exploring Bodiam Castle.
- In **Maths**, we will continue learning about fractions.
- In **Science**, we will monitor our plant growth and learn about seed germination.
- In **Topic**, we will start learning about castles and looking more at the structures of castles and the people that lived within them,.
- In **P.E.**, country dancing for Maypole Day? Yes please!
- In **R.E.**, we are exploring the question; Who is Allah and how do Muslims worship him?
- In **Music**, we will be looking at using technology to make music.

Year 2 common exception words

We have (nearly) learnt all of the Year 2 CEW, and will soon be testing them on their spelling. Any support given to your child to ensure they are secure with these would be very beneficial. Try this 'look, cover, write, check' game:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/lcwc/>
(click year 2, tricky words).

Spellings

Next week, we will be practising adding apostrophes for possession.

Spelling rule: The possessive apostrophe applies to singular nouns, with the exception of nouns that end in 's' (James' rather than James's).

KIRFs

This half term's KIRF is:

Knowing doubles and halves of numbers to 20.

Please see the school website for more information and strategies to support your child with this.

Curriculum Day

As you know, Year 2 will be enjoying curriculum day at **Brockham** on **Friday 8th May**. The day will be linked to our History topic about castles. Children are invited to come dressed as someone who inhabits a castle, such as a King, Queen, Knight, Jester, etc. They will need to have shoes appropriate for outdoor activities.

Woodpeckers will be based in the Penguins classroom for the day.

WANTED: FRUIT

On **Tuesday 28th April**, in science, we will be learning about plants that we eat. Please could each child bring in one piece, or a selection of exciting fruits/vegetables, for a food tasting session. The more exotic the better!

WANTED: Castles

On **Wednesday 29th April (Woodpeckers)** and **Thursday 30th April (Kingfishers)**, we will be making junk modelling Motte-and-Bailey castles.

Could JUST WOODPECKER CHILDREN bring in whatever small-ish cardboard boxes, tubes, loo rolls, sticks, string and other miscellaneous bits you have lying around at home would be fab (no plastic please)! Please could you bring these in the week leading up to these dates.

Drusillas Park

As you are now aware, we are super excited about our upcoming trip to Drusillas Park. The trip takes place on **Wednesday 8th July**, and we will be departing from **Brockham**. Payments will be made via Sco-pay, where a payment plan for instalments is available.

No reminders!

Miss Westwood and Ms. Gahan

