



A massive well done to Year 2 for their hard work and perseverance this term. They deserve a wonderful Easter break! Next term, our topic will be **Changing Times**, our last topic of Year 2! We begin with History, exploring castles and their habitants, as well as structure and the different types of castles. After Half Term, we get our sunhats *and* winter coats out as, in Geography, we will travel round the world to explore different hot and cold places.

### After Easter:

- In **English**, we will begin writing some traditional tales - with a twist!
- In **Maths**, we will begin our unit on Fractions.
- In **Science**, we start our 'Apprentice Gardener' topic with Curriculum Day.
- In **Topic**, we will start learning about castles by exploring the Battle of Hastings.
- In **Computing**, we are looking at Pictograms.
- In **Music**, we will use technology to create digital music.
- In **R.E.**, we will begin learning about Islam, beginning with the question 'Who is Allah and how do Muslims worship him?'
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we begin our next jigsaw piece 'Relationships'.
- In **P.E.**, did someone say 'Maypole'...?

### Spellings

We have been practising the /o/ sound spelt with an 'a'.

**Spelling Rule:** 'a' is the most common spelling for the short /o/ sound (like in 'hot') that comes after 'w' or 'qu'.

We have also been working on using an apostrophe for contractions.

### WANTED: Castles

We will be making some junk modelling Motte-and-Bailey castles the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Whatever small-ish cardboard boxes, tubes, sticks, string and other miscellaneous bits you have lying around at home would be fab (no plastic please)!

### Curriculum Day

Gentle reminder! After the Easter break, we are having Curriculum Day together at the **Brockham site on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. Please could your child come dressed in their own clothes, which need to be appropriate for outdoor activities, as we will be spending a lot of time outside.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> April, please could you send your child to Kingfishers classroom with a piece of fruit/a vegetable for our food tasting session (the more unusual, the better!) and a small plant pot for us to use during the day.

Thank you so much!

### Ways to help your child

Continued support with the previously set KIRFs would be most useful to the children, as well as revision of the set Spelling patterns that we have taught so far this year.

Following on from our last Maths unit, we recommend revisiting measuring skills for length and height. If the children have any opportunity to do some measuring at home, we would be so grateful. You'd be amazed how fascinated they are with a tape measure!

Thank you, as always!

### KIRFs

Next 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.

### Reminders

School Council are holding a cake sale on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April for the Leigh base and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at the Brockham site. They are raising money to buy some small food bins for the playground to compost fruit and vegetables to help our school to be more sustainable.

Please can you support this by **BAKING** and bringing in your delicious bakes to school on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. All cakes to the infant kitchen at Brockham and the hall at Leigh please.

Have a lovely and restful Easter break! See you in the Summer term,  
Mrs. Tubb and Miss Tennent

