



Year 2 Learning Letter

Friday 28th April 2023

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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 habitants, as well as structure and different types of castle. After Half Term, we get our sunhats *and* winter coats out as, in Geography, we will travel around the world to different hot and cold places.

School Council Cake Sale

A massive thank you for all the support, baking, eating, and money-handling to those children and adults alike with our cake sales at Leigh and Brockham this week. We had such a fantastic turn out and loved the talent all the bakers displayed.

Thank you all!

The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will continue traditional tales with a twist with our story *Little Red Reading Hood*.
- In **Maths**, we will finish learning about fractions before moving onto telling the time.
- In **Science**, we will monitor our plant growth and learn about seed germination.
- In **Topic**, we are still 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!

Spellings

We have been learning about using the possessive apostrophe and remembering not to double the s for words ending in 's' (James' not James's).

We have also practised adding the suffix '-ly' to words.

Spelling rule: change the 'y' to an 'i', drop the 'e' or just add '-ly'! With some exceptions (bravely, lovely, nicely).

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.

Royal Mufti

The children are invited to wear 'Royal Mufti' on Friday 5th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

A Welcome...

to the lovely Mrs Swaby and Mrs Kerven who have joined the Admin team at North Downs. Mrs Swaby will be at Leigh on a Thursday (and Betchworth on a Friday!) and Mrs Kerven will be at Brockham.

Curriculum Day

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed our Planting Day last Friday, despite the April showers! We learnt about what plants need in order to grow and be healthy; planted sunflower seeds and runner beans; made beautiful daffodils in our DT session; and investigated the different parts of plants that we eat. We were very impressed with how adventurous all the children were in trying out new fruits they had not eaten before! They have all taken home a sunflower to grow and update the class on in school.

We look forward to hearing about their growth! Thank you so much for all your help and support with us running this day.

Castles

This week, the children made Motte-and-Bailey castles with all your wonderful cardboard. These castles were introduced in England and Wales by the Normans as early as the 11th century! The castles look fantastic, and each class has discussed fairness and democracy in working out how we decide who can take each castle home. Thank you again for all your help in us making these!

Reminders

Monday 1st and 8th May are Bank Holidays - enjoy the long weekends!
Mrs. Tubb, Miss Tennent and Miss Westwood

