



The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will be finishing our learning about traditional tales with a twist by twisting our own traditional tale!
- In **Maths**, we are beginning our learning about telling the time.
- In **Science**, we will look at the life cycles of a plant.
- In **Topic**, we will be hosting a royal banquet to investigate the kids of foods that Medieval people ate.
- In **P.E.**, we are starting to practise our events for Sports Day.
- In **Music**, we have been learning about digital media, using Chrome Music Lab:
<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

Times Tables

Well done to everyone who is learning their tables each week for our tests on Thursdays (Brockham) and Wednesdays (Leigh). We aim for all children to know the multiplication and division facts for the 10, 5, 2 & 3 times tables by the end of Year 2, but there is no upper limit! Remember that **Times Tables Rockstars** is a great, fun way to learn these and the children can access targeted tables based on where they are working. The website address is: <https://ttrockstars.com/> and their login details are the usual ones in the back of their reading diary.

Maypole

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, it's Maypole time! Woodpeckers and Kingfishers will come together with the unforgettable *Farmer's Jig* on **Thursday 25th May at Brockham Green**. We will of course be joined by the rest of North Downs, and hopefully plenty of parents! The event will start at **1.30pm**, and Year 2 have been practising at every free moment! We will keep you up to date with any additional information but **Woodpeckers will need to be at Brockham for morning drop off on this date** (breakfast club available for Early Bird attendees).

Spellings

We have been practising adding suffixes to root words to change their meaning. Over the last few weeks, we have learnt about the suffix '-ment' which changes verbs to nouns, as well as the suffix '-ness' which changes adjectives to nouns.

Leave your garden wild



Take a day off today and do nothing! Leave a wild spot in your garden by not mowing the lawn, or not weeding the paving - nature will love it!



No Mow May

No Mow May is here! Long grass, peppered with flowers, is one of the rarest habitats in our well-tended gardens, yet it is incredibly beneficial for wildlife. Patches of long grass encourage different plant species to grow, help insects to thrive and create feeding opportunities for birds and small mammals.

So simply let nature move in! Set aside some lawn, leaving it to grow, and wait to see what arrives. The less pristine the lawn, the more promising it is for wildlife. You can raise the cutters on your mower to make some paths and leave the rest of the mowing until July or August after plants have flowered. It is also a great way of avoiding tools such as lawnmowers that are powered by fossil fuels! More information can be found here: <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow>
Or sign up to *No Mo May* here: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Reminders

This is our last learning letter before Half Term!
We break up on Thursday 25th May,
with an INSET on the Friday, and return fresh for *the final half a term* on Monday 6th June.
Mrs. Tubb, Miss Tennent and Miss Westwood

