



Welcome back! We are so glad to be back and Year 2 have returned raring to go. 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 their 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.

Spellings

We have been learning about contractions using an apostrophe.

Next week, we will be practising 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.

Curriculum Day

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed our Planting Day yesterday!

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, (the sunflowers, not theirs!) Thank you so much for all your help and with running this day.

Dogs Trust

On Thursday 25th (Brockham) and Friday 26th(Leigh), both Year 2 classes will be lucky enough to be visited by the Dogs Trust for a workshop, as part of a whole school initiative. Dogs Trust have requested we share the links below, if you wanted to share them with your child.

'Dogs and children: living safely together' <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety>

Our Dogs Trust education site is full of useful safety information and the areas we cover in our workshops:-

<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/>
<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/>

WANTED: Castles

We will be making some junk modelling Motte-and-Bailey castles on Thursday 2nd May. Whatever small-ish cardboard boxes, tubes, sticks, string and other miscellaneous bits you have lying around at home would be brilliant (no plastic please)!

No reminders!

Mrs. Tubb, Mrs. Tolan and Miss Westwood

