



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after half-term. I hope you all had a relaxing and sunny break. It is hard to believe we are already in our final half-term of the year! I just wanted to mention that I'm so impressed with how hard the Year 2s have worked last term in the build up to, and during, SATs. You can all be very proud!

Castle Crazy

Year 1 and 2's current topic is titled 'What's behind the drawbridge?' The attached topic web gives more detail on our learning. As you can imagine, we will be focussing on the history of castles, along with understanding what life was like living in a castle. We will also be visiting Kenilworth Castle on Thursday 14th June (letters have been sent out).

KS1 Midsummer Festival

This year, our mid-summer festival will have the theme of 'A Castle Celebration'. Weather permitting, the performance will take place on the Infant playground on Friday 29th June at 2.15pm. We hope to see you there!

As part of the KS1 Midsummer Festival, Year 1 and 2 will also be making that day our 'Castle Day'. It is a wonderful opportunity to get creative and immerse ourselves in the theme. The day will include cooking, dancing, art and crafts, along with a great deal of role play and drama. I am thoroughly looking forward to it!

We will be asking the children to dress up in 'castle' costume (e.g. knights, maids, lords, cooks). More information will be sent out next week but I thought some forewarning could be helpful!

Swimming

Swimming starts on Monday 11th June, and will be every Monday afternoon until the 16th July. A letter has been sent out with further details. Please send your child in on Mondays with swimming costume and towel. Girls with long hair may need a hairbrush. We usually arrive back at school slightly later than home time (roughly 3:30pm).

Homework

Every Friday, weekly homework is set. That consists of spellings, reading, an English task and a Maths written task/game. Homework books are due in on a Wednesday, and spelling tests will happen on a Wednesday morning.

Reading books get changed every Wednesday. Each child will get a school levelled book and a free choice book. Please record any reading your child does in the orange reading journals and make sure these books are in book bags by the following Wednesday to be changed.

PE

PE happens on Mondays and Thursdays. There have still been quite a large number of children lately who are unable to access PE lessons appropriately due to not having the

correct kit (particularly outdoor shoes). I would recommend your child leaves their PE kit in school during the week from Monday to Friday.

Sunshine

Please continue to send a named water bottle with your child every day. As the weather is now doing what it should at this time of year, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing, including hats. It is also worth applying sun cream first thing in the morning on hot days.

WOW box

As always, Year 2's WOW box is often full of interesting items or images linked to our topic or current learning. Over the last half term, there seemed to be an influx of children bringing other items into school (e.g. toys and presents). Please can you gently discourage your child from bringing in these items from home.

Important Dates (it's a busy term!)

Monday 11th June – Y2 swimming begins

Week beginning 11th June – Whole school 'Faith in Art' week.

Thursday 14th June – Y1 and Y2 Trip to Kenilworth Castle

Monday 18th June – Y2 swimming

Friday 22nd June 2.40pm - 'Faith in Art' week showcase to parents (*all welcome to look around the art work*)

Monday 25th June – Y2 swimming

Wednesday 27th June – Transition Day (*Y2 will be spending the day in the Y3 classroom. They will enter and exit the Junior Playground doors*)

Friday 29th June – Y1 and Y2 Castle Day (*costume needed*)

Friday 29th June 2:15pm – Midsummer Festival (*all welcome*)

Monday 2nd July – Y2 swimming

Friday 6th July (am) – Sports day and picnic lunch (*more details to follow*)

Monday 9th July – Y2 swimming

Friday 13th July – Reports out

Monday 16th July – Y2 swimming

Monday 16th July 3.45-5.45pm - Open Evening (*A chance to come and look at the work in the classroom with your child. No individual appointments needed*)

Tuesday 17th July – Music Concert

Wednesday 18th July (Evening) – Harbury PTA Circus- do you have your tickets yet?!

Thursday 19th July – Last Day of Term! Happy summer holidays!

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to pop in and see me,

Miss Bunce and the Y2 team

