



# Uffculme Primary School

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## SUMMER 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 2,

Welcome to our Summer Term in Year 2. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 2 this term.

We will continue with Mrs Moss and Ms Wright teaching, with Miss Jones supporting in the mornings, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moss or Ms Wright by email or with a phone call via the office. Similarly, if we are ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistants, Miss Jones as she will be more than happy to help.

We are really looking forward to a sunny, happy, healthy and productive summer term in Year 2! Year 2 children continue to make great progress and delight us every day with their enthusiasm for learning. We aim to encourage that love of learning with a range of learning this term and to that end, we have included a list of topics, with a brief explanation, in the table below.

This term in Year 2, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Non-fiction - Biography.  The owl who was afraid of the dark.	We will be finding out about the features of biographies and exploring texts about Amlia Earhart, Julia Donaldson and writing a biography about Mary Anning.  We will be writing our own stories based on this text. We will be focusing on adding detail to interest the reader of our writing by using expanded noun phrases, verbs and adverbs. We will also be working on our use of conjunctions to connect ideas and sentences.
Maths	Fractions, money, measures and further addition, subtraction, multiplication and division	We will start with fractions which links to the division we recently learnt. We will also recap and extend our key operations – add, subtract, multiply and divide. We will then move on to measurements including weight and volume.
Science	Living things and their habitats	We will be learning about all sorts of animals and will work on some detailed observations of mini-beasts. We will go outside to complete observations, tally-charts and learn all about different habitats.

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Geography & History	The seaside	We will be looking at the physical features of the coast and then we will be learning about what it was like to go on holiday to the seaside in the UK in the past.
Computing	Word processing	We will be learning how to open word documents, type efficiently, use keyboard shortcuts and insert pictures.
Art & DT	DT – Textiles	We will learn how to sew a running stitch ready to design, make and decorate a pouch using a template.
	Art - Painting	We will be developing colour mixing skills, learning about the work of an artist and creating our own masterpieces based on their work. We will experiment with different tools and colours to create different textures and effects.
Music	Tanczymy labada	We will learn a traditional Polish folk song and a traditional dance to accompany it!
PSHE	Citizenship	We will be learning about rules outside school; caring for the school and local environment; exploring the roles people have within the local community; learning how school council works; giving an opinion.
	Economic wellbeing	We will be learning about financial literacy including how adults get money, wants and needs, using skills and talents and inclusive environments.
RE	Caring for the world	In RE, we will look at how special we are and why we should care for each other. We will look at how Christians, Jews and non-religious people care for each other, from small acts of kindness to charity work, here and around the world.
PE	Athletics, cricket and rounders.	In PE, we will be exploring and developing our skills in a variety of athletics activities. We will also be practising and developing our throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills in cricket and rounders.

## HOMEWORK IN YEAR 2

### Reading

**All children** at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. Children will be rewarded with Dojo points if they read three times a week at home.

### Spelling and handwriting

A spelling/handwriting homework sheet will be sent home each week for your child to complete. These link with the spellings being learnt in class. They keep these in their folder.



## Maths

Maths homework in Year 2 is Doodle Maths. We would like children to try to do their 'x a day' on Doodle Maths – this is a different number of questions for each child and is set to match their ability level. If they cannot do it every day, perhaps aim for at least three a week. We will reward effort on maths homework each Friday. They can also still do times table rockstars for fun.

## Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

## PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you for all the help you have already given to us and your children over the year, from encouraging them when they chat about dragon's eggs to supporting them in learning to tell the time. We do hear about and appreciate all the efforts put in by parents and carers at home! We look forward to another positive and exciting new term with year 2.

With our very best wishes,

*Mrs Moss and Ms Wright*

Year 2 Teachers

### **Dates for your diary:**

<b>APRIL</b>		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Open Classrooms
<b>MAY</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		May Day Bank Holiday – <b>No school</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Ambition Day
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 - Half Term Break</b>		
<b>JUNE</b>		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>		Whole school and class photographs
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:45pm	Summer Music Concert
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 3pm	PTFA Summer Fete
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Residential - Kilve
<b>JULY</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm	KS2 Production Dress rehearsal

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Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30PM	KS2 Evening Performance (The Venue)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Sports Day (Uffculme School)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Mix Festival (KS2 only)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Residential – Charter House
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Summer Reports sent home
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on field (for Year 6 only)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Summer Holidays</b>		

