



Uniform, PE kits and water bottles... Please ensure your child is sent everyday with a named water bottle which must contain water only. This is extremely important as the weather gets hotter. Outdoor and indoor P.E. kits need to be in school and remain here all term. Earrings must be removed for PE, if your child struggles with this please take them out before school. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and looks smart every day. Long hair should be tied back and socks and tights must be in school colours (blue, black, white or grey).

Homework... We will continue to give out homework from the SATs revision books. One piece of Maths and one piece of SPAG or Reading will be given weekly, this is handed out on Friday and expected back by the following Wednesday. Please keep all homework in school packs. In addition to this the children will have their weekly spellings to learn and a copy of the times table club they are on to practise. This work does not need to be returned to school and should be kept at home for the children to learn.

Reading... Each week your child will be given a reading book. Their reading books will be changed weekly with an adult once it has been put in the box in the classroom to change. Please ensure that your child brings their books and reading record to school every day.

Dates for your diary... May day (bank holiday) – 7th May 2018  
*Children are not in.*

SATs week— w.c. 21st May 2018

Library dates Apple — 24.5.18, 28.6.18

Hawthorn — 26.4.18, 6.6.18, 5.7.18

Trip to Birmingham Wildlife conservation—TBC

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# Explorers of the Earth



**Year 2**  
**Summer Term**

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Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. This is a very important term for your child, as the children are taking their SATs tests soon. It is important that your child is in school and on time every day.

We thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education and we look forward to continuing this with you over the coming term.

#### Year 2 team...

Miss Cooper (Apple Class Teacher)

Miss Cartwright (Hawthorn Class Teacher)

Mrs Brady (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Marriott (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Jenkins (KS1 Phase Leader)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries.

The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

#### Our topic...

The theme for our summer term topic is 'Explorers of the Earth'. We will be finding the answer to two big questions this term; 'How do the seasons affect the weather?' and 'Who was the greatest explorer?' The topic aims to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles through examining the lives of great explorers.



English... This term in English we will be studying a range of genres including fictional stories related to our topic, and traditional tales from around the world. We will continue to develop the children's knowledge of different sentence types and punctuation.

Maths... This term in Maths we will continue to focus on number and place value using larger numbers. We will be using our reasoning skills to answer problems involving shape, space and measure, time and money and applying these skills to the SATs tests.

Science... In Science we will be learning about animals; including humans. The children will be learning about how animals and humans are born, grow and change and what we need to survive and be healthy.

History and Geography... In Geography we will be learning about the seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. The children will also look at hot and cold climates around the world. In History we will be learning about famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and other who have explored both hot and cold climates.

PE... In P.E. we will be focussing on learning the rules of rounders and tennis. We are also looking forward to Sports day and will be preparing for all of the activities.

The Arts and Technology... In Art we will be learning about the famous artist Joan Miro and creating some abstract art based on aboriginal designs aboriginal art. In DT we will be creating vehicles using wood and saws.

RE... In R.E. we will be learning about space for prayer. The children will be finding out about various religious places, for example, synagogues and mosques. We will also be visiting our local church to find out about the space inside this place of worship.

Computer Science... In Computing we will be developing our word processing skills and creating power points to showcase the information gathered through our topic. We also be learning how to create images on Paint.