



## Year Two

# Parent Newsletter Summer 2016

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*A school where everyone shines.*

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you had an enjoyable time. There are lots of exciting things the children will be learning about in their final half term in Year Two.



Subject	Learning Challenge
<b>Geography</b> 	During this half term our challenge question is 'Where would you prefer to live: England or Africa?' The children will learn about the landscape, weather and animals that live in Africa.
<b>Art</b> 	In art we will be looking at some African paintings. We will look at work completed by Edward Tinga Tinga and how he uses shape and colour to produce his paintings. We will create our own African paintings using his style.
<b>DT</b> 	In DT the children will be tasting different African fruits. They will design, make and evaluate their own African fruit salad. The children will practise and apply their weighing skills throughout the coming weeks.
<b>P.E.</b> 	P.E. sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday for both classes. The children will be learning to play a simple game. They will also continue to learn some basic tactics. Your child will need their kit in school on both days- a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of pumps. If they have long hair they will need a bobble to tie it back. If your child wears earrings they will need to take them out.
<b>PSHE</b> 	During this half term our sessions will be based around 'Changes.' In the coming weeks the children will begin to learn what habits are and the difficulty of changing them. They will think about obstacles that may get in the way and how they could overcome these. We will also prepare the children for their transition into Year Three.

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Subject	
<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>Our English this half term is linked to our Geography unit about Africa. The children will be learning about The Lion King and thinking about the different heroes and villains. They will go on to write their own story. We will also be looking at different African information texts to learn more about life in Africa.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>Throughout this half term the children will be learning about fractions. They will also consolidate using inverse actions to work out missing number calculations to check their answers. In addition they will practice telling the time, reading scales and solving mathematical problems.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>Throughout this half term our challenge question is 'How can you be the next master chef?' Our Science work will be linked to our DT work (exploring different African fruits). The children will learn about the lifecycle of a banana and grow their own grass lion head (linked to The Lion King in English).</p>
<p><b>ICT</b></p> 	<p>During this half term the children will be using a word processor to type paragraphs about Kenya. They will learn to change the colour, size and style of the font.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>As part of our RE unit this half term the children will be learning about places of worship and the importance of them for their believers. The children will learn what you can find in different religious places, compare religions and learn why people visit these special places.</p>

Please see over for general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

### **Homework**

Each week the children are required to practice their homework ready for their test the following Friday.

### **Reading**

Reading books and reading records must be in school every day. The children are expected to change their book regularly, although they must keep them for at least two days to allow them time to read and understand it thoroughly. Please sign and comment in your child's reading record when their book is ready for changing. Please write in your child's reading record any books that they read and also every time they read. Reading Records are looked at regularly by the teachers so please do take time to write comments.

### **Extra Curricular**

Clubs will be available - details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

### **Uniform**

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

### **Attendance**

Every lesson counts - please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

### **Important dates**

- Week commencing 13th June- Phonic Screening Check for children who didn't meet the expected standard in Year One. (The results will be included in your child's report).
- Friday 24th June- Fire Safety Talk
- Monday 4th July- Inset day
- Thursday 7th July- Key Stage One Sports Day- 2pm

Don't forget to check Facebook, Twitter and our school website to find out more information about what's going on- there are some more important dates on there.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the next half term.

The Year Two Brooklands Team