



# Year 2 Summer 2024



## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! It doesn't seem that long ago we were welcoming the children into Year 2 in September and now we are starting the summer term. With the improving weather, brings the use of the school field, which the children will be able to spend lunch breaks enjoying.

We are excited about the new projects and the exciting learning opportunities ahead of us!

### Projects



We begin the summer learning about toys within our living memory (the last 60 years!) We look at what makes a toy, toys the children enjoy playing with and toys their parents and grandparents played with, during their childhoods. Rather than asking the parents to join us near the end of the project for a celebration event, we would like to welcome you in for our first project afternoon (24th April) to hook the children's excitement and engagement into the new project.

We continue our summer projects with looking at the history of Hedge End and why we have a train station (previously named the jam line). We will visit the station and also have a trip to Pickwell Farm to collect strawberries for smoothie making.

### English, Maths, Science and more



In English, we are having a focus on the author Emily Gravett's books Tidy and The Rabbit Problem. The children will learn to write persuasively and try to fix a variety of problems our Berrywood chickens will face. We then learn about fables with The Lion and the Mouse.

Maths will be a continuation of 2-digit 2-digit subtraction, then progressing our learning of multiplication and division. We will learn about length, mass, capacity and time as part of our measurement units, before learning about fractions.

Our science begins with a visit from some baby caterpillars! The children will observe and document their changes over time and then watch them transform into butterflies. They will consider where is the most suitable place to release them, within our school, for the best chance of survival.

The children will also have the opportunity to learn about staying safe online and the use of technology at school and home.

### Dates for your Diary...

**Hook afternoon** – Parents welcome – Wednesday 24th April.

**Bank holiday** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Half term** - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Sports Day**- Year 1 and 2 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the afternoon.

**Sports Day back up date** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Summer Fayre** – A School within a Garden – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**INSET Day** – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**School production by Year 5 and 6** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the evening. Rock Bottom Performance.

**Reports sent home** - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Optional early finish** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.15pm.

### Home Reading



Following on from the surveys Mrs Adams did earlier on in the spring term, we are launching our new Berrywood home reading initiative this summer term. All children that read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly reading raffle – there is a big surprise coming for our superstar readers. Pupils' home reading will be monitored weekly and celebrated in school using our new home reading cards. Each time a pupil reads at least four times per week, their card will be initialled and displayed in class. Mrs Adams will be coming round to note down all the keen readers. The more you read, not only will you have a greater chance in our reading raffle, but you will also become a skilled and effective reader too!

KS1 parents, don't forget to sign up for our first parents'/guardians' phonics workshop on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 where Mrs Adams will be sharing information on our new phonics programme: Essential Letters and Sounds. There will be tips and strategies for supporting your children in developing early reading skills.

### Days to note...

**Tuesday** – Indoor PE - Gymnastics

**Thursday** – Outdoor PE - Sports Day preparation

**Friday** - Library

### Market Days...

This term, our Berrywood Market Day is joining our Summer Fayre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A group of Year 2 children will be sewing 'worry buddies'. The children will make a felt heart shaped cushions which the children can use to share their worries with.

*We are looking forward to the final term with the Penguins, Parrots and Flamingos!*

*Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter.*

Miss Spencer

Mrs Paterson

Miss Tindale

Miss Cockell

Mrs Chung