



St. Margaret's C.E. Primary School
Year 2 Summer Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the Spring holidays and had a relaxing time with your children. This term we will be covering a wide variety of subjects and more exciting activities. We are also looking forward to our 'North East' Art's Week and hoping for lots of fine weather!

Numeracy

- Counting, Properties of number, Addition, Subtraction, , Movement, Length, Weight, Capacity, Symmetry, 2D & 3D shape, Time, Money

Literacy

All children will follow appropriate objectives for their age group, including extensions where necessary. Most children will remain in their normal classes for their phonics work.

Science

- Living things and habitats

Computing

- *Research and Presenting:* Recording apparatus
- *Safety:* Email - safe and effective use of email
- *Programming:* Flow charts for simple instruction activities

Design Technology

- Cooking and nutrition
- Puppet making

Art

- Seascapes (Hokusai)

Geography

- Looking at Kenya/ Burundi

History

- Seasides in the past

P.E.

- Athletics and invasion games

Religious Education

- Buddhism

Sports

Sports Day will be 11th July

During the first half of Spring Term, we will attend a multisport festival at Maiden Castle.

Dates- please make sure you check the weekly newsletters as occasionally dates do change!

- Arts Week - week beginning 20th May (**NOTE- children are not in school on 24th May as this is a teacher training day**)
- Exhibition of children's work Friday 7th June 3.30- 4.30 pm
- Friends' picnic on the field Friday 21st June
- Summer Fair- Saturday 6th July

- Open Evening- 8th July 3.40- 5.30pm
- Last day of term Friday 19th July with a service in Durham Cathedral

Sunny weather

The children are welcome to bring a sun hat to school to wear during playtimes. We advise that suncream is applied before school on a morning but children can also bring sun cream to reapply at lunchtime if needed. Please make sure that it is clearly named and that your child knows how, and when, to apply it.

Please note we do not allow children to use sun cream belonging to other children.

Also as children remove their jumpers/ cardigans more often, can you check that all uniform is **clearly named**. We already have a few un named in lost property

P.E. Kit

A reminder that your child has P.E. **every Wednesday** afternoon, but there are still some children who regularly forget! It is **essential** that children have a P.E. Kit in including appropriate footwear for outdoor use. Again, we would ask that all articles of clothing and footwear are clearly named.

This half term we also have extra P.E. every Tuesday morning.

Spare Clothing

We are running very low on spare clothes (uniform) for children who have accidents, such as skirts, tights, boys' (bigger sized) trousers, socks and underwear (especially for Y1 and 2 children). If you have any you would like to donate to school, we would be very grateful! If you find any, please hand them to the teacher on the gate.

Assessments

During this term, Y2 children will be completing some SAT papers in Literacy and Numeracy, in line with the new curriculum. These assessments help to verify ongoing teacher assessment. It is the teacher assessment that will be included in the end of year report.

During the week beginning 10th June, all Y1 and some Y2 children will be taking part in a Phonics Screening Test. This national initiative was introduced in 2012.

Helping in school

The staff greatly appreciates the help given by parents (and grandparents) in the classroom and the children really benefit from the extra input. If you feel you could help in school, either on a regular basis or when time allows, please see a member of staff. Some helpers listen to children read, help children with their work in the classroom or even sharpen pencils!

We do not normally place parents in the same class as their child.

Thank you very much for your continued support,

Mrs. Bell & Mrs Durie