

## HELPING AT HOME

School crams as much as possible into the school day however there is much you can do at home to help and support your child's learning. Research shows that when school and home work together and children are supported in their learning at home, they do better academically than those children who solely rely on school.

### *Reading*

Please hear you child read from their reading book at least three times a week. In addition to this read a story from a reading from pleasure book to your child daily.

### *Spelling*

Your child will be sent home with spellings to learn each Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Please ensure that your child learns these. Practice with them and test them so they know how many they know before their spelling test. We are reviewing how we deliver spelling so this may change during the term. The children have access to the online spelling software Nesso. This will help improve spelling

### *Times Tables Rockstars*

All year 2 children need to know need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table off by heart. They will struggle in Year 3 if they don't know them. Please log on to Times Tables Rockstars and practice regularly.

### *Time*

Children are learning to tell the time using an analogue clock face to the nearest five minutes. The more practice the child has with this the better they will get. Please take every opportunity at home over this term to look at clocks with your child and ask them to tell you the time as often as



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## Year 2 Parent Information Leaflet

**Rabbit Class—Mrs Connolly**  
*Year 2 Leader*

**Owl Class— Miss Johns**  
**Squirrel Class—Miss Gregory**

**Assistant Headteacher for KS1—**  
**Mrs O'Shaughnessy**  
**Deputy Headteacher—Mrs Parry**  
**Executive Headteacher—Mr Forber**

This term is an important one for your child and *every day counts*. It is about the culmination of all of the work your child has done over the school year. Your child will sit a series of tests in phonics, reading and mathematics and will also be assessed by their teacher for writing. At the end of the term the class teacher will pull together information from your child's tests and books to write their final report for the school year.

### IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### PE DAYS

Rabbit: Monday indoor—Friday Outdoor

Owl: Monday indoor—Friday Outdoor

Squirrel: Wednesday indoor—Friday outdoor

**Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in on the above days.**

#### TRIPS / VISITS / EVENTS:

Rabbit and Squirrel class trip to Ness Gardens 25th June.

Owl class trip to Ness Gardens 26th June.

#### SATS TESTS

Maths SATs will be taken during the week beginning 6th May.

Reading SATs will be taken during the week beginning 13th May.

**Please do not book a holiday during these weeks.**

#### REPORTS

Due out Thursday 11th July

### COMMUNICATION

Please read the **weekly newsletter** to keep informed about what is happening in school. Important information is shared on here. Check the website if your child hasn't brought one home.

For class information follow the class **TWITTER** page.

Rabbit: @rabbitSomervil1

Owl: @owlSomervilleP1

Squirrel: @squirrelSomerv1

### CURRICULUM—What your child will be learning

#### *English*

We will be reading the Twits and other Roald Dahl books. The children will be reading a range of classic poetry which links to our Mighty Machines theme.

We will be writing in a range of genres: diary entries, poetry, character descriptions, recount, stories and non-chorological reports.

#### *Maths*

We will be learning about different measurements: length, mass, capacity and temperature. The children will learn to tell the time on an analogue clock to the nearest 5 minutes. Throughout the term children will carry out lots of problem solving activities and will apply their skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year.

#### *Religious Education*

To learn and understand different religions and how religion is expressed in different ways through the use of symbols and actions.

#### *Physical Education*

This term we will be playing lots of invasion games. We will also learn how to jump, throw and run in Athletics.

#### *Science*

We will be learning about plants and habitats. The children will be growing their own vegetables and understanding the conditions needed for growth. In June we will be visiting Ness Gardens to learn about different habitats. The children will experience pond dipping and we carry out a mini-beast hunt in the woods.

#### *PSHE & British Values*

The children will be learning about their rights and responsibilities in school as well learning to take care of their local environment.

Our theme in Summer is '**Mighty Machines**'. Children will mainly be working as historians and finding out about the 'Wright Brothers' and Amy Johnson and through these people how flight developed. They will be using a range of evidence and looking at the significance of this evidence. When working as artists the children will be learning about Van Gogh and his life and looking at some of his most famous pieces. They will be creating their own artwork using thick paints and oil pastels. When working as designers children will be looking at a range of vehicles and looking at the specific features of each. They will then design and build their own vehicle for a specific purpose.