

SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 2 SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER



KEY VOCABULARY

hygiene	the way we care for our bodies. It includes many activities, such as washing hands, brushing teeth, and bathing.
exercise	is a way of keeping the body healthy through being active.
lifecycle	the series of changes that a living thing goes through from the beginning of its life until death
coast	the part of the land adjoining or near the sea
pier	a platform built out from the shore into the water and supported by piles; provides access to ships and boats
seaside	a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort
holiday	a time when someone does not go to work or school but is free to do what they want.
Victorian	a person who lived during the Victorian period.
bathing suit	Something to wear to the beach

SUMMER 2 2024

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope that you had a relaxing holiday and had a wonderful break spent with family and friends.

PE KITS

Please can children have the following **labelled** uniform in their PE kits this half term: a pair of navy shorts, a white Sherwood top with the logo and some black pumps. It may be worth including some spare socks in the uniform as well.

SPELLING BEE

The Sherwood Spelling Bee is back! We will be completing challenges in class. There will be a winner for each house group who will go head to head to find an overall Year 2 winner. Keep practising those Year 2 common exception words!

YEAR 2 BLACKPOOL TRIP

On Thursday 4th July, we will be visiting Blackpool to link in with our History and Geography topic. This will be a full day and we will be back for the end of the school day. More details will be provided in due course.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

By the end of this half term we would like the children to have a clear understanding of what life was like at the seaside. We would like the children to understand why seaside towns developed and what activities people carried out in their leisure time, especially in the Victorian period. We would also like children to be able to understand that every living thing goes through a series of stages and changes in their life and this is called a lifecycle.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term we will be reading the story of 'The Sandhorse' written by Ann Turnbull. The children will be captivated by the magic of the story and how the sand horse sculpture wishes to join the white horses in the sea. We will also be reading a collection of other stories linked to the seaside such as 'Dolphin Boy' written by Michael Morpurgo and 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner.

WRITING FOCUS

Our writing focus this half term will be looking at and recapping our non negotiables writing skills for Year 2. These include: capital letters for the start of sentences and names of people, full stops at the end of sentences, practising commas in a list and revisiting contractions. In our spellings this half term, we will be looking at the following spelling rules:

- Spell words ending in -tion, e.g. station, fiction.
- The /3/ sound spelt s, e.g. television, usual.
- The /o/ sound spelt a after w and qu, e.g. wander, quantity.
- The /3:/ sound spelt or after w, e.g. word, worm.
- Spell correctly and distinguish between near homophones, quite/quiet one/won are/our of/off.
- Add the ending -y where no change is needed to the root.

KEY MATHS SKILLS

In Maths we will be learning about the different methods used when solving addition, subtraction, division and multiplication questions. These methods can be found [here](#) if you wish to practice these at home. We will also be looking at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Again, any practise of this at home would benefit your child. We will also be revisiting our knowledge of money, fractions and statistics. We will also be providing opportunities to develop the children's understandings of topics further and applying their knowledge in real life situations.