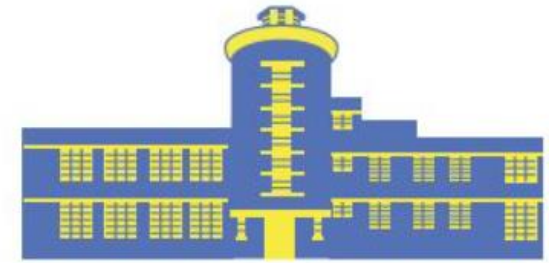


Date	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closed Training Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Class Photos (Please ensure chd are in on time or they may miss their class slot. There will be no retakes.)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	FOLBA May Festival
<p>Week 1 - English Reading Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Week 2 - Maths Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</p> <p>(chd will sit x2 papers per week)</p> <p>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Resits for absentees</p>	SATS Testing Weeks (Please ensure your child has as high a possible attendance during this period)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term - School Closed
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Whipsnade Zoo Trip
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check week (retakes for Yr 2 chd)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Book Fair (Times TBC)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2HF Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLBA Outdoor Disco
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2ED Class Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2US Class Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to go home
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer term ends 2pm finish



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Year 2 Newsletter**

**Summer Term 2024**

**Edition 5**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children were very excited to come back this week! They all looked extremely well rested and have appeared to have had a lovely Easter holiday break ☺ This term the children will be exploring the topic 'How has the way Queens ruled changed over time?'. The children will be comparing and contrasting the reigns of Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria, identifying the impact and changes they had on England. In Science, the children will be exploring the topic 'Living Things and their habitats'. The children will begin to expand their knowledge of Living things and the ways in which they grow, survive and change, as well as the ways in which we keep ourselves healthy, including basic hygiene and balanced diets.

We hope the following information is of help to you. The aim is to give you a more detailed idea about activities and events taking place in Year 2 this half term.

The Year 2 team

This half term as well as exploring their learning of 'Living Things and their habitats', the children will be extending their painting skills in Art. The children will be looking at the textures and patterns of different animals and then replicating them with paint! As well as learning to mix colours, the children will also learn a variety of new painting techniques such as stippling, stroking and washing. They will also begin to use water effectively in their creations.

In DT the children will be designing and building some chick runs for the anticipated arrival of our chick eggs! These eggs will be arriving on the 13<sup>th</sup> May hopefully ready to hatch within the next 24 to 48 hours. The children thoroughly love this experience and get to observe the chicks hatching from their eggs, fluffing up (with a little help from some warm air) and growing into quite cheeky and lively little chicks! Throughout this time the children will learn to care for them and keep their habitat clean and tidy as well as learning how to correctly handle them. We will keep you posted with pictures on Twitter 😊

In English the children will be developing their knowledge of animals and their habitats by researching and creating Wild Animal Fact files. Towards the end of the year, the children will read and then rewriting some of the Winnie the Witch stories which is always a firm favourite every year!

**End of Year Statutory Assessments for Year 2:** As we move towards the beginning of Summer 1 the children will be engaging in lots of activities that reinforce and strengthen their Maths and Reading skills in preparation for the end of Key Stage SATs which will take place in mid-May (please see dates above). It is vital your child attends school as much as possible during this period as they will be partaking in Revision weeks before then doing the formal test itself. If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to your class teacher who is more than happy to help and offer advice during this time. A PowerPoint outlining the content and arrangements of these tests is available on Google Classroom.

**Trips and visitors' information 2024:** We have our exciting trip to Whipsnade Zoo taking place soon. Please ensure you fill out the Google Classroom form!

**Home learning:** Thank you for all the parents and children that are completing their home learning at home. The children are expected to complete these tasks and evidence should be uploaded via Google Classroom (a photo) by the following **Wednesday**. Please email the Year 2 team if you have any issues or are struggling to complete the tasks set. We have included our home learning timetable to remind you of the expectations.

	Handed out	Due in
<b>English</b>	Friday	Wednesday
<b>Maths</b>	Friday	Wednesday
<b>Reading</b>	Minimum five times per week	
<b>Topic</b>	Occasionally throughout the Half Term	
<b>Spellings (from Spring term)</b>	Weekly	Tested in class every Friday am.

	PE Days	
<b>2HF</b>	Tuesday	Friday
<b>2ED</b>	Tuesday	Friday
<b>2US</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday

Don't forget to keep checking on our school Twitter page, for photographs of school activities and sporting events that take place this year.

**Contacting your child's class teacher:** If you need to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office or talk to the teacher on the door. You can also email the teachers via the year group email: [year2@ladybankes.school](mailto:year2@ladybankes.school) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.