



Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 1 and Year 2 – Summer 1

Dear families,

Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teachers.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

Team Nacton

English

In our English lessons we will be reading and discussing the story of The Great Explorer by Chris Judge. The children will learn to use adjectives as well as developing punctuating speech. The story will be a stimulus for writing their own narrative for a character lost in the jungle.

Maths

Children will study these areas over this term:

- Multiplication and division (Y1)
- Mass, capacity, and volume (Y2)
- Fractions (Y1)
- Multiplication and division (Y2)

Daily times tables practice, with 10x and 5x tables. Year 2 will have a tables test each Friday.

Science

Our focus in science this half term is Growing up. The children will learn about the life cycle of different animals including humans, amphibians, and butterflies. We will also look at plant bulbs and seeds with the children having the opportunity to plan their own plants.

History

In history, we will be learning about great explorers. During this unit we will discuss what makes a person significant in history as well as look at some famous explorers in depth. These include: Ibn Battuta, Matthew Henson, Felicity Aston and Neil Armstrong.

Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about robot algorithms. Children will develop their understanding of how different instructions affect the outcome of a simple programme. In this unit we will be using the Bee-bots to design their own algorithms.

Art

In Art, children will be exploring brush control and colour mixing. Children will also be using the artist Anthony Frost as inspiration to create their own pieces of art in his style.

Religious Education

In RE, we will be learning about Jewish belief. Children will explore the question: Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?



Physical Education

PE this half term includes striking, fielding and target games.



Please make sure children's earrings are able to be removed or they have tape.

PSHE

The children will be learning about keeping safe the community. This includes how to contact emergency services and what to do when we get lost.

Music

In music, the children will explore dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs.

Phonics

In phonics, we will continue to revise out sounds in preparing for the K1S phonics check. They will also be introduced to alien words which are words that are decodable but not real e.g. "yad"

Y2 Spelling

In spelling sessions, year 2 children will continue spelling lessons with the Little Wandle spelling units, which focuses on the spelling patterns that have been introduced in Autumn Term. Each Friday, children will be tested on 5-6 words.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday Thursday 22nd May: Premier enrichment day. Friday 23rd May: PD day – children not in school.	Reading – 4 times a week, please return books each Friday to be changed. A new e-book will be set each Friday as well. Spellings/Phonics- Weekly home learning sheets available on our website to reinforce our daily lessons. Spelling tests for Year 2- Each Friday the children in Year 2 will be tested on their spellings for the week. These will be sent home and are also on our website. Maths- Numbots- 5 minutes per week. Y2 may choose to move onto TTRockstars and learning times tables. Year 2 will have a times table test each week, starting with 10x, moving on to 5x, 2x and 3x as we work through the rest of the school year. Times Tables Tests for Year 2- Each week the children in Year 2 will be tested on the times tables we have been practising. At the moment we are learning 10x and 5x. Log in details for Online reading and TT Rockstars/ Numbots can be found in your child's reading diary.