

Welcome back! We hope you have had a good half term. We have included some information that will help you to support your child this term. If at any point you would like to come and speak to one of us please do not hesitate and remember you can email us using apple@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk or oak@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk We want the children to feel happy and safe as we believe they will learn well when they feel this way, for this reason we want to work as a team with you so that every child can reach their potential.

Reminders:

Drinks bottle

Please can your child bring in to school a water bottle. Research has shown that drinking water throughout the day is beneficial in helping the children be alert and ready to learn.

PE

Oak & Apple class: Tuesday and Thursday

Sun cream and hats

As we are now in the Summer Term, please can you send your child in with a hat and sun cream (should you wish to) on warm days. Please label the sun cream with your child's name. For safety reasons the children will not be able to share sun cream.

We would ask that your child comes to school on the days they have PE in their PE kit. If they have jogging bottoms or leggings these can be worn with their PE t-shirt and their school jumper. It would be good if they can also come in their pumps and any earrings taken out or covered.



Reading and Homework Books

We will continue to send home RWI reading books each week (on a Monday) and we will be collecting all reading books on a Friday. The books will then be kept separate for 72 hours before being returned to the main book store and ready for the next child to take home. Please encourage your child to hand these in on Friday morning. To support the COVID 19 guidance we will send a purple book home for you to record the numbers of reads in however we will not be collecting it until half term. You can also email us at our class email to tell us once a week the number of reads your child has achieved. This will

help us to continue to celebrate their success with reading certificates. As a school we recommend hearing your child read 4 times a week as a minimum. The more children read, the wider knowledge of vocabulary they will develop and begin to use in their written work – a little often makes a big difference. A child can only achieve 7 reads a week through reading once a day.

Phonics

At the end of Year 1 every child across the country is assessed on their phonic knowledge, this is known as the phonics screening test. This year the current Year 2 children were assessed in the Autumn term so teachers could address any misconceptions due to the Lockdown in 2020. If a child did not reach the expected standard in the Autumn term, they will repeat the assessment in the Summer term.

Maths in Year 2

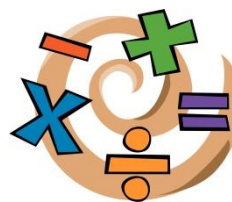
As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum the children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as quickly recalling number bonds to and within 10, 20 and 100. Research has shown that short, regular practice of key number facts enables children to remember them. We may provide practice sheets in their homework books from time to time but please see below for more ways to practice.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

Keep fit and do maths at the same time!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-collection/z6v4scw>



In addition

As and when we find maths and phonics games, which we think your child would enjoy doing, we will email them to you in the usual way. Paper copies will be available if you struggle to access things online.

Thank you for your ongoing support; we really do appreciate all that you are doing to help us.

The Year 2 Team