

## Year 2's Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back and Happy Easter. This half term, we are sitting out KS1 SATs. This is an exciting time for us as we get to celebrate all we have learnt throughout KS1. It is really important that we don't worry about these assessments, but instead see them as a chance to show everyone what we know. If you have any question or concerns, please make sure you speak to a member of staff. Remember, our doors are always open and we are here to help.

### Mathematics

This half term, we will be embedding and consolidating our mathematical skills. We will be securing our knowledge on all four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), fractions, shape and time. As well as practising arithmetic strategies, we will be completing reasoning and problems solve examples.

To support the learning we are doing in school, it would be really helpful if you could work with your child on how to tell the time and recognising and using coins.

**Homework** for maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis. If your child requires computer access in school time, please let us know. Times tables will continue to be a key focus and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

number    place value    tens    ones  
 reasoning    problem solving  
 column method



### LITERACY

Our topic this half term is "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!" and we will be using this to write a setting description for an imaginary aquatic creature. Our non-fiction writing will focus on describing the natural habitat of a specific marine animal that interests us the most.

The texts we are going to study are 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and 'Traction Man: Beach Odyssey' by Mini Grey. We will learn parts of these stories by text mapping and using actions to help us retell them.

You can help you children by reading with them every day, and please remember to record this in their reading record.

Key vocabulary:

beginning	middle	ending
noun phrases	adjectives	verbs
sentences	punctuation	



### SCIENCE

In science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be identifying and naming a variety of animals in their natural habitats, including microhabitats. We will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and their prey, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Key Vocabulary:

habitat	food chain
lifecycle	micro habitat





# Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We are continuing to work with Miss Heald on a range of skills as well as further developing our understanding of how to work as a team.

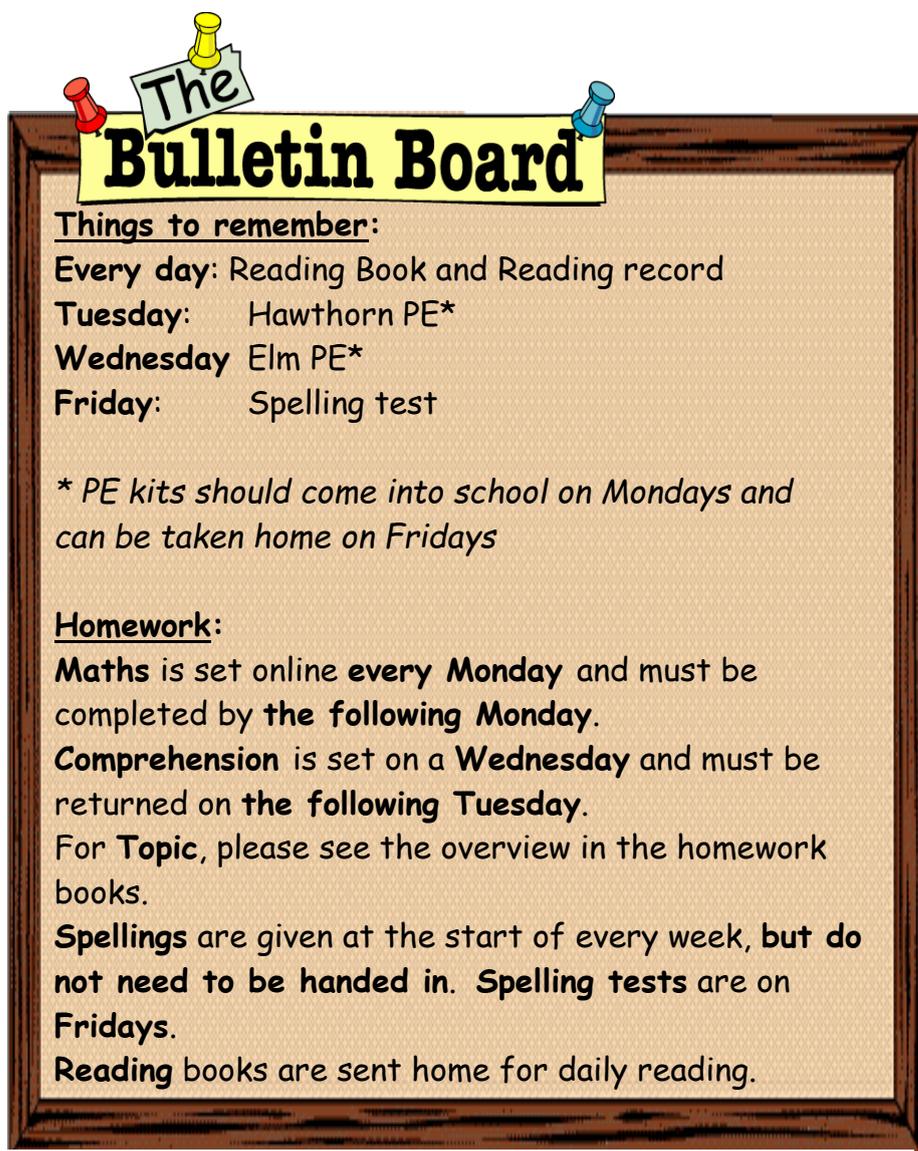
RE - In RE, we will learn about significant events celebrated by followers of different faiths.

PSHE - This half-term, we will be thinking about our planet and the part we play, as citizens, in keeping it clean and safe.

Music - This half term, we will practise some of our favourite songs and learn how to perform them well.

Computing - This half term, we will learn about how to create compute codes.

*For other areas of the curriculum, please see our overview on the next page.*

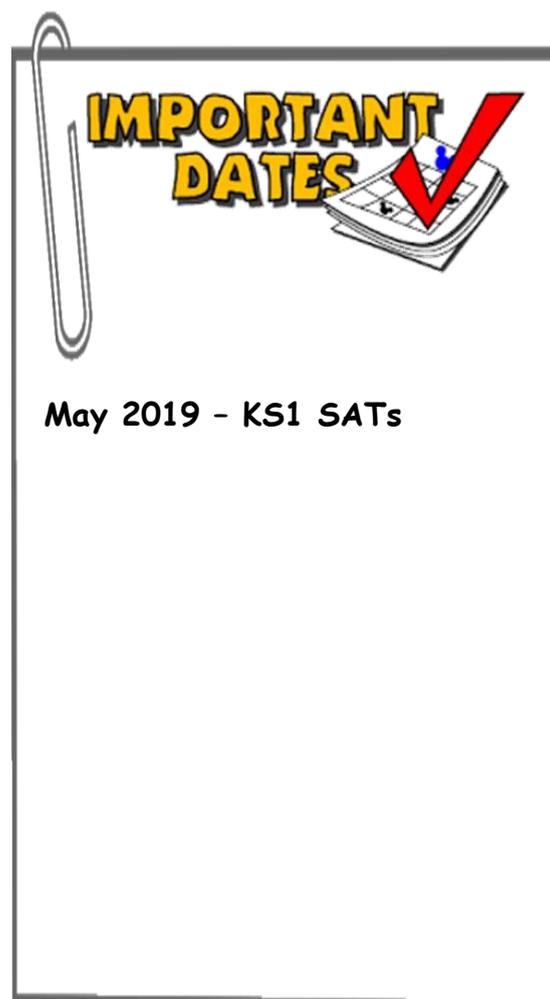


## The Bulletin Board

**Things to remember:**  
**Every day:** Reading Book and Reading record  
**Tuesday:** Hawthorn PE\*  
**Wednesday:** Elm PE\*  
**Friday:** Spelling test

*\* PE kits should come into school on Mondays and can be taken home on Fridays*

**Homework:**  
**Maths** is set online **every Monday** and must be completed by **the following Monday**.  
**Comprehension** is set on a **Wednesday** and must be returned on **the following Tuesday**.  
For **Topic**, please see the overview in the homework books.  
**Spellings** are given at the start of every week, **but do not need to be handed in**. **Spelling tests** are on **Fridays**.  
**Reading books** are sent home for daily reading.



## IMPORTANT DATES

May 2019 - KS1 SATs

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



# Oh I do love to be beside the seaside!



## Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

As part of our topic, we will explore some of the geographical features of the seaside, focusing on some of the features found at Whitby.

We will learn about what fossils are and how they are found along this coastline and how Whitby was a successful fishing and whaling port.



## Whitby - then and now

In history, we will be learning about the seaside town of Whitby. We will look at what it is like today and why it is such a popular stop for tourists. We will then compare Whitby of today with the Whitby of the Victorian era. What was it like and how has it changed since then? We will also consider which aspects have stayed the same over the years.



## Habitats, food chains and micro-habitats

In science, we will explore how living things need particular habitats in order to survive, focusing on beach habitats. We will learn about micro-habitats and food chains.



## SATs

This half term all Year 2 pupils throughout the country are taking the KS1 SATs. In school we will be focusing on embedding and consolidating the key skills required to meet the Year 2 expectations. Throughout the month of May we will sit a total of 6 assessments. These are: 1 maths arithmetic, 1 maths reasoning, 2 reading, 1 spelling and 1 grammar and punctuation.

