

# S U M M E R

## Year 2 Summer Newsletter

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and are excited for the term ahead!

We have lots of fun things planned!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st May 2:15pm— Learning Together

Tuesday 30th June— Beamish Trip -Local History



### PE DAY!

Year 2's PE day will be on a **FRIDAY!**

Reminder for children to come into school wearing PE clothes on this day.

### NURTURE

For children who access our Nurture provision, the afternoons will remain as Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

### HOMEWORK:

\***PHONICS BOOKS** will be changed regularly. Off group to change book when needed.

\***DREAM READS** changed every Friday.

\***SPELLINGS**— yellow homework books are collected every Monday, marked (1 or 2 minutes earned for end of half term bouncy castle), new spelling stickers added and sent back out on a Monday.

We aim for children to be reading 4 times a week.

This can include any book from home.

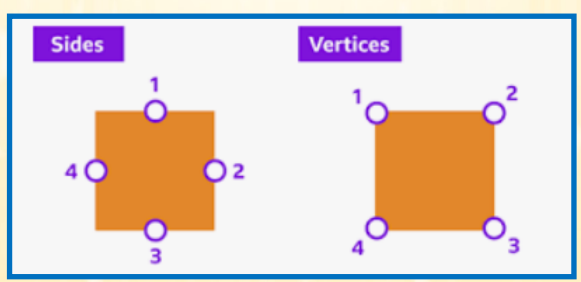
### Curriculum

**MATHS**— Our first topic this term will be 2D shapes. Please see the chapter overview below.

This chapter focuses on 2D shapes and their different properties. It also explores how to draw shapes, make patterns with shapes and turn shapes using familiar language. The chapter begins by carefully moving pupils from identifying sides to identifying vertices before learning about lines of symmetry. Then they make figures using blocks, sort basic shapes using different criteria before drawing shapes using square grids and dot grids. Finally, pupils make and describe patterns in addition to moving and turning shapes.

### Home links-

Why not try a shape hunt at home. You could find a shape and count the number of sides and vertices.



### MEDICATION

Please complete a form at Reception. All medication to be handed in by an adult.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.  
As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch before or after school.

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This will be our next class novel. An exciting adventure based on overcoming fear and taking risks!



# What is my child learning this term?

Subject	Topics	Key vocabulary	Key facts
History	Local History (mining)	Pit Colliery Coal Miner's Gab	Tudhoe Colliery (1864-1936) was central to mining life and community. Tragic explosion in 1882 killed 37 men and boys.
Geography	Kenya	East Africa Landscapes Savanna	Kenya is in East Africa, with savannas, mountains, lakes and diverse wildlife habitats across regions.
Science	Plants	Structure Nutrients Adaptations	Plants can be categorised by appearance and habitat. Plant parts have different functions. Adaptation helps survival.
RE	Special days in Christianity and Buddhism	Wesak/Vesak Parinirvana Easter	Wesak/Vesak = a celebration of Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death. Parinirvana = remembers the death of Buddha.
PSHCE	1. How to stay healthy 2. Recognising feelings	Wellbeing Self regulation	1. Private parts have scientific names for knowledge and identification. 2. Humans experience big feelings and can use techniques to self manage, if overwhelmed.
Art	Printing	William Morris Hand-block printing motifs	William Morris' intricate designs were inspired by nature with layered patterns and repeating structures.
DT	1. Food 2. Sliders and Levers	Mechanism—sliders and levers Fixed pivot	1. Food hygiene & safety are important with food prep. 2. Sliders go side to side and Levers rotate around a fixed point.
Computing	Coding Making Music Presenting Ideas	Debugging Algorithm Program	Children will explore, modify and create programs whether it be an algorithm (instructions), music or information.
PE	Gymnastics Dance Fundamental skills	Sequence Travel Agility	Core strength and balance are important. Hand eye co-ordination and spatial awareness will improve performance.