

The summer term is now well under way. Children have completed their unit 'The Greatest Show on Earth'. This culminated in the children creating their very own picture books, which they will be reading to the reception children next week. We also hosted our Circus themed wow out afternoon which was very well attended. Many thanks. We hope you enjoyed the performance and a huge thank you to Mrs. Aikman for the wonderful dragon that she created for the Chinese New Year dragon dance. We will be starting our new topic 'Revoluting Recipes' with our wow in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May followed by our seaside topic in the last part of the summer term.

### English

Well done to all children who are busily working hard at home to learn their weekly spellings. Parents' support is invaluable and practise and repetition of these tricky words is crucial. Daily reading is the most important aspect that you can support your child with in KS1. Not only does it help children's reading skills progress it also improves children's writing ability. Just 10 mins a day really will make a huge difference. We are using 'The Disgusting Sandwich' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' as our quality text this term.

We will be writing instructions for how to create our own disgusting sandwiches and writing a story where the character's food gets more and more disgusting through various accidents and events. We will also be completing some cross curricular writing by keeping a growing plants diary.

As you know, May is the month where year 2 SAT's tests take place. This is kept low key and with minimal disruption to the normal day to day timetable. Further information can be found on the 'curriculum – English' pages of the school website, including Q&A from NJK parents.

<https://norton-juxta-kempsey.secure-primariesite.net/yr2-sats-information-for-parents/>

### Maths

This term children will be sorting, naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, exploring different scales and measuring using different units. Children will also be practising addition and subtraction and using them to complete numerous investigations.

We will be teaching position and direction, including clockwise, anticlockwise, half and quarter turns, which children can find quite challenging. We will be continuing to practice skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's (year 1) and children would really benefit from practicing this at home regularly. There are lots of games, songs and ideas on how to support your child with this on the year 1 homework page. These games are perfect for visiting time and time again until your child is confident.

As always, we encourage year 2 to persist in learning their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Quick fire rounds work wonders, whether in the car or out shopping, you can do it year 2!

We hope the maths workshops held by Mrs Smith last term have been helpful and that the resources provided have been useful in supporting your child.

### Topic

It's always with great excitement that we start a new topic and this term is no exception. Our new topic is called 'Revoluting Recipes'. We will start by reading the text 'The Disgusting Sandwich' which will be our inspiration for discussing foods we like and dislike plus foods we have never tried before. We will be finding out where our food comes from, how it grows and will be growing our own ingredients to make a salad. We will investigate designing and creating our own salad dressings too. Watch this space as we will need some chief taste testers later in the term and may even have enough produce to have a pop up farmers market!



We will be learning about the famous artist Giuseppe Arcimboldi and having some fun creating our own fruit and vegetable portraits. In addition during our Seaside topic we will be designing and creating our own clay tiles.

