

Dear Parents / carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and welcome back! Below you will find a few reminders and some additional information about the term ahead.

Topic

The overarching topic over the next two terms is 'School Days'.

This project teaches the children about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They will compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.

Reading

Please continue to encourage the children to read daily and record it in their reading diaries. If they are reading independently, please talk to them about what they have read. Comprehension is really important in year 2, as is continuing to read for pleasure and broadening vocabulary. They will continue to change their library books every Wednesday and they are working hard to record it in their reading diaries independently. If they do not finish their book, then they can keep it for longer. For those children that read 3 times or more in a week they will continue to receive a gold star. This year is the National Year of Reading. More information can be found here: [National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

Spellings

Children will bring new spelling lists will be sent home on a Friday and the children will have a test the following week. However, their spelling will be assessed regularly through their writing.

Times Tables

Year 2 are encouraged to continue to use Times Table Rock Stars to encourage them to learn their times tables. A rapid recall of times tables is really important. Please help your child to learn them off by heart the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table.

Water bottles

As the weather turns warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. In Tucana class we will send the bottles home daily to enable them to be cleaned each night. Children will have access to their bottles during the school day including break and lunchtimes. It is helpful if it is transparent so we can monitor how much water children have drunk during the day, particularly in the warmer weather. Please be aware, we often refill them so if the water bottle is quite full at hometime, it is likely to be a refilled bottle.

Milk and Snack

You can order fruit and a cup of milk at break times. Milk is 25p a day and fruit is 14p a day. This can be booked via MCAS under products. If your child wishes to bring in their own snack, please can this be in a labelled box. It needs to be a healthy snack with no nuts in please and grapes/tomatoes etc need to be sliced in half to minimise choking risk. The same applies to packed lunches.

PE

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day so they are able to participate in PE lessons and clubs. PE is currently timetabled on Tuesday and Wednesday this term but there may be other times when a PE kit is required.

Sun safety

With the warmer weather and sunshine which we hope for this term please make sure that on sunny, warm days you apply sun cream at home before your child comes to school. If this needs reapplying during the day, children will be able to do this themselves but bottles should be named please. In addition, please also ensure your child has a sun hat in school – this can be kept on their peg.

Diary dates

Outdoor explorers – 22nd April and 13th May

The week beginning 12th May will be non-statutory SATs Week for Year 2 and in the week beginning June 8th Year 1 will have their statutory phonics check. More information about this is attached with this letter.

Contacting us

Please let us know if you have any questions or require any support. We can be contacted via email at; tucanahomework@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk For any urgent messages, please contact the school office and these will be passed on during the school day. Alternatively, please do come and see us on the playground at the end of the school day we are very happy to talk.

Thank you,

Ms Evans & Miss Crocker
Tucana Class teachers