

## Important Dates

<b>6th May</b> WB 20th	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b> Neurodiversity week
<b>27th –31st May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>3rd June</b> Sat 8th June 21st June Zoo	<b>INSET DAY</b> Summer Fayre Year 2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
WB 24 June (TBC)	Year 2 music festival at South mill Arts
5th July	Sports Day and Colour run
Wb 8th July	History week
Wb 8th July	History with Parents /work sharing 9am (see below)
11th July	Move up day
16th July	Take over day
19th July	Break the rules day
19th July	End of term –2pm
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
2nd and 3rd Sept	INSET days
4th Sept	First day of school year



# Summer Term 2024



## General

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

If you need to contact us, please use our class emails which we will respond to within 2 working days:

class3@northgate.herts.sch.uk  
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## Our Topic

In history, we will be investigating the causes and impacts of the Great Fire of London. In geography, we will be studying and comparing the human and physical geography of St Lucia and Bishop's Stortford.

In art, children are using paint to create flowers inspired by Van Gogh and O'Keeffe.

In DT the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own animal puppet.

Our first RE focus is learning why Christians trust Jesus. Our second RE focus will be why the Torah is so important to Jewish communities.

Science— In science, we are learning about hygiene, the stages of human development/growth and animal life cycles. We will then look at plants, seeds and bulbs.

## Maths

This term, please help your child to:

Multiply and divide numbers by 2, 5 and 10.— children will need instant recall of these facts (KIRFS) \*Add and subtract two 2 digit numbers, using the column method. \*Find half, 1 quarter, 3 quarters and 1 third of shapes and numbers.\* Recognise the equivalence between 2 quarters and 1 half. \*Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes , e.g. 25 past and 25 to.

## Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Spellings, based on our phonics/spelling work are set on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested and new ones sent home on Fridays. Spelling scores are recorded in the home learning book each week by the pupils.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent.

Maths, English or topic tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books, unless requested otherwise by class teacher. Homework tasks must be completed in pencil. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes.

## Trips / Events this Term

History with parents + work sharing

Yr 1 / 2— Tues 9th July

Friday 21st June Year 2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo  
Wed 26th June Year 2 music festival at Southmill Arts—further information to follow re: timings

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit).



## PSHE

Unit 1: Relationships—We will learn about roles and responsibilities within family relationships. They also learn about two types of secret, and why 'worry secrets' should always be shared with a trusted adult.

Unit 2: Changing me—As part of a school's safeguarding duty, pupils are re-taught the correct words for private parts of the body (those kept private by underwear: vagina, anus, penis, testicle, vulva). They are also reminded that nobody has the right to hurt these parts of the body, including a lesson on inappropriate touch and assertiveness.

## Reading

Guided reading is carried out four times a week in small groups. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress. Please use the Little Wandle website parent section to support you with phonics at home. Click [here](#) for the link. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

In class, we will be reading a range of texts , including The Short Sighted Giraffe, Mr Magoo's Zoo and There's a Tiger in my Garden.