# Classroom Avondale News





# Summer 1

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the final term in year 2. We can't believe how quick this year has flown by. There are lots of great events and activities planned in for this half term, including our school trip and our Oracy lessons with Mr. Simpson.

# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd April - Trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve. Thursday 25th April - Class Photos Friday 26th April - Spring Report cards

Monday 6th May - School closed for Bank Holiday.

W/C 13th May - Year 6 SATS Monday 2oth May - Parent's Drop In 3.30 -4.30

# **Friendly Reminders**

- P.E. this half term will be on a Monday Blackburn afternoon with Rovers Community Trust for both classes.
- 2F will also do PE on a Friday afternoon and 2L will do PE on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school for these days. Earrings must be removed prior to the lesson or have a plaster covering them up.
- Please continue to read 5 times with your child and please remember to sign their reading record.
- Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed every Friday for the coming week's spellings
- Homework will continue to be set on Fridays on the Purple Mash blog so please keep an eye on these every week as the activities will vary from week to week.





## What we are studying

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division as well as length, weight, mass and capacity. There will be challenges set on TT Rockstars to further strengthen understanding. We will also continue to practice our times tables and we will concentrate on the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables.



## **English**

During our English this term, we will continue to develop the children's understanding of the Year 2 grammar objectives. We will be reading Superworm by Julia Donaldson and The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith as our class novels. The children will be writing their own story based on Superworm but with their own characters. We will also continue to work on our handwriting joins and letter formation.



## Geography

This term, our lessons are going to focus on Kenya and we will be learning about the culture, wildlife, people and climate of the country and comparing it to other places in the world. We will also make some Kenyan jewellery so keep an eye out for this coming home!

Key Vocabulary – National park, game reserve, tourist, habitat, endangered, Massi tribe.

### Science and D.T.

Our Science is focused on our topic theme of Wriggle and Crawl and we will be learning all about minibeasts and their habitats. This will be supported by our school trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve to study habitats.

Key vocabulary- life processes, dead, alive, habitat, microhabitat, food chains, food sources, producer, consumer

In our D.T. lessons we will be learning how to design and make a minibeast of our own. We will learn how to use a template, design an appealing product, make the product and then evaluate it. We will learn how to thread a needle, tie a knot and use a range of different stitches.