

Year 2 Learning Letter

This Term's Project

'Delicious Devon'

This term we have begun finding out about our beautiful county of Devon. We started our project in true Devon style, where all the children got to sample a delicious Devon cream tea! In geography, we will be learning to use maps to locate places and to understand geographical symbols. We will be learning about coastal features and an exciting visit to Coryton Cove, Dawlish is planned for later in the term. We will be out and about in science, observing and identifying plants and animals found in our school environment, and planting a variety of seeds.

Mathematics

Applying all the mathematical knowledge that we have been building is our main focus this term. Multi-step problem solving activities, practical tasks and applying maths across the curriculum will all feature. Maths sessions always include a 'Challenge' to deepen learning and for children to 'grow their brain'. Understanding and accurately using mathematical language and being able to recall and apply key facts is vital this term to enable all our children to show what they know. We will continue to encourage children to explain and their mathematical thinking using great 'maths talk'.



'No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment.' Carol Dweck

English

We have started the term by learning a traditional tale titled 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and children have now changed the characters and the plot to create our own 'Magic Pot' stories.

Everyone has been trying hard to use conjunctions to join their ideas together (but, so, because) and to make their writing interesting and exciting use expanded noun phrases ('lake' is the noun, 'the lake' is the phrase, the beautiful lake is the expanded noun phrase).

Linked to our 'Delicious Devon' project children will soon be discovering and responding to poetry, we hope they will also be writing over a page of interesting narrative by the end of the year!

Year 2 Summer Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

Reading

Make a time to read regularly. Little and often is best but as the complexity and length of book increases more time might be needed. Priority should be given to the Guided Reading text. Always have a conversation about what you have read and understand.

Maths

x3 sessions of up to 15 minutes practise of the current maths skills on Education City. New homework tasks will be updated fortnightly.

Lost your Education City log-in? Ask your class teacher to provide you with this again.

No internet? Drop into the ICT suite on a Thursday after school with your child. someone will be there and will be happy to help.

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Summer Term to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend on each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

Draw: Try sketching some plants in your garden or local area, add details, use shading, cross hatching, labels etc.

Research: A place in Devon and write some facts about it in the form of a poster.

Visit: Google Maps, to find places you know in Devon, you will find lots of places you don't know too!

Go to: Any destination in Devon and write us a postcard about your visit! We would love to hear about where you have been.

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*Did you know that you can print off certificates from Education City?*

# Last Term

## Thank you for your support during the Spring Term.

We are sure everyone has their own top memories of the Spring Term. Here are a few of ours:

- Learning about water and watching the Water City develop in the Sense Garden.
- Carrying out lots of exciting science investigations with water and ice!
- Sketching water features in the style of Escher and Brunel.
- Making the visit to The Fleet Air Arm Museum and learning more about flight.
- Discovering inspirational women of flight such as Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman.
- Working with the Devon Wildlife Trust outside and learning to start a fire safely.

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## Out and About

Have you been out gardening yet this year?

Have a look on the BBC gardening with children website to get some ideas for outdoor gardening projects to do at home on a windowsill, in pot or in an outdoor space.

[www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/gardening\\_with\\_children](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/gardening_with_children)

### Grow your own fresh salad



Grow a selection of salad crops to make a lovely summer salad and introduce children to practical gardening. It will increase their interest in healthy food and help them to understand plant life cycles.

You could grow your own fresh salad, make your own compost or even build a wormery!

### Did you know?

- Hummingbirds hover in front of flowers while they collect nectar. They use so much energy to do this that it would be like you needing to eat 150kg of hamburgers every day!
- The white flower of the Amazon water lily is the size of a football and turns purple after it has been pollinated.
- The largest seed in the world is the double coconut. It can measure up to 50cm (1.6ft) around the middle!