

Jesus promised, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*



**SUMMER TERM 2025-2026
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Avon Class Year 1/2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a fun and chocolate-filled Easter break! It's been a busy and happy first week back at school, and the children have settled back into our classroom routines really well.

In English, we will be reading and writing to inform this half term, using the brilliant Big Book of Blooms by Yuval Zommer as our focus text. We will be learning how to add 'er' and 'est' suffixes to adjectives in order to make comparisons, and using conjunctions to extend our sentences. In a few weeks' time the children will be creating and then writing information texts about their own imaginary plants.

In Maths, Year 1 begins the summer term by looking at multiplication and division. They will learn to count in 2, 5's and 10's, make equal groups and share between groups. They will then move onto fractions where they will learn to recognise halves and quarters. Year 2 begins the summer term looking at fractions, they will focus on finding half, a quarter and a third of an amount then look at unit and non-unit fractions. They will then move onto learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and statistics.

In Science, we will continue into our second unit on plants, and will then move on to thinking about the seasonal changes that come with summer. We will be planting seeds to observe their growth, and investigating the conditions that help plants grow best. We will also hopefully be brightening up the area outside the children's entrance by planting some spring/ summer flowering plants – if you have any left over or extra seeds that we could use, we would be really grateful!

Our Geography topic this half term is 'Our Country'. We will be looking at which countries make up the United Kingdom and its surrounding oceans and seas. We will be exploring the similarities and differences between urban and rural areas and will conduct a study of what it's like to live in London. We will then be comparing London and Brasilia and their climates. After half term, our History unit will be on transport. We will look at how transport has changed throughout history and have an exciting trip planned to The Transport Museum in Wythall.

In Art, we will be learning about the work of Ben Lewis Giles, and will be creating some collages inspired by his creations. We would be grateful for any old magazines you may have at home – food or gardening ones are best, as they are usually more colourful and the articles are school-safe! After half term, we will be investigating wheels and axles in DT.

Our new homework 'menu' for the term will soon be shared with you on Dojo. This contains a selection of tasks that you may wish to complete with your child. These activities have been designed to help develop their language, their understanding of number, and fine and gross motor skills. These activities are in addition to reading, which remains the most important and impactful home learning activity that you can do with your child. Regular reading at home makes such a difference to children's progress, so it would be brilliant if you could hear your child read every day, or as much as possible. Little and often is best – it's more beneficial to do 10 minutes several times a week, rather than fewer, longer sessions.

A few handy reminders for the beginning of the term:

We will be reading with the children 1:1 throughout the week in addition to their daily phonics/ guided reading lessons. This can happen at any point in the week, so please ensure that your child has their reading books and reading record in school every day. Staff will use a pink pen to write a comment in your child's reading record when they have read with them.

As the weather gets warmer, please could you ensure that your child comes to school with sunscreen pre-applied (we recommend the 'once a day' type that gives long lasting sun protection) and that they bring a hat to wear when outside. Our days are busy, and children often misplace their belongings. It makes life easier for all of us if everything that comes into school is named, so that it can be reunited with its owner if it goes missing!

Children should come dressed in their PE kit (to include a sunhat) on Mondays and Fridays. Children wearing earrings will need to either remove them or bring in plasters/tape to cover them (we don't have this in school).

Dojo messages are the easiest and quickest way to communicate with us, although you can also of course speak to us in person at the door, or via telephone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Haines and Mrs James